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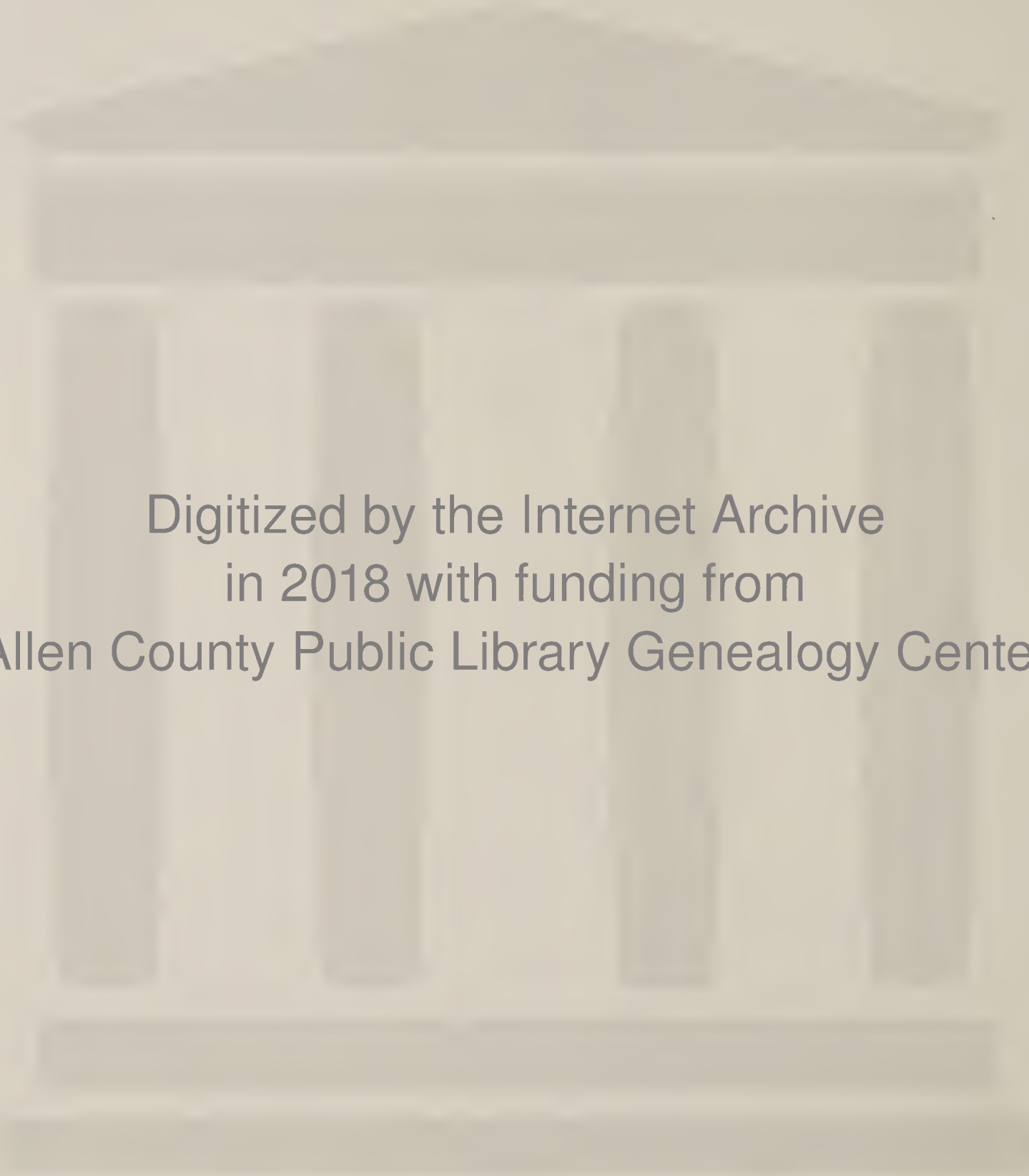
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Charter Exerpt

An ACT to erect the towns of Waterford and New Haven, in the County of Lancaster, into a Borough.

Sect. 1. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the towns of Waterford and New Haven, in the county of Lancaster, shall be, and the same are hereby erected, into a borough, which shall be called "MARIETTA," which borough shall be comprised within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at a post at the river Susquehanna; thence extending along the line of lands of James Anderson, and the late Samuel Evans, deceased, North twenty-seven degrees and a quarter, East one hundred and thirty-six perches to a post; thence along the lands of James Anderson, Anthony Raines, David Cook and Henry Cassel, North seventy-eight degrees and a quarter, East three hundred and twenty-four perches to a post; thence down the lands of the said Henry Cassel, South two degrees and three-quarters, East one hundred and eight perches to the river Susquehanna aforesaid, at a corner of land of said Henry Cassel and Christian Hershey; thence up the said river on the several courses thereof, three hundred and ninety perches to the place of beginning.

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To the Residents of Marietta, Past, Present, and Future:

This souvenir book has been put together for you, as a lasting reminder of the Marietta Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1962. We hope that you will find in it some familiar face, place, or event which will help you remember all the enjoyable events of this town celebration. We have tried to include items of history, important people, and local color which have helped to keep Marietta going for the past 150 years and, we hope, for another such length of time.

Your Book Committee

It is the heart-felt wish of your mayor that the hard-working committees are successful in having everything perfectly executed, and our populace, former residents and visitors enjoy themselves during our Sesquicentennial celebration.

S. A. Acri

Mayor of Marietta



The Town Clock

It was during an informal gathering of members of the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, at the home of Mrs. Robert Spangler, on Fairview Avenue, when Mrs. Spangler suggested the view from her window of the steeple and town clock would be an interesting subject for use during our centennial. Mrs. Edna Kelly was asked to sketch a design of the picturesque sight, and upon completion, it was presented to the Novelty Committee for use as the design on the souvenir plates. The design was later presented to the Executive Committee and was unanimously selected as the official symbol for our Sesquicentennial Celebration.

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Sesquicentennial Program

August 4-11, 1962

Saturday, August 4

7:00 P.M. Opening Ceremonies
 Marietta School Playground
 9:00 P.M. Queen's Ball
 Marietta School Gymnasium
 10:00 P.M. Selection of Centennial
 and Parade Queens

Sunday, August 5

8:00 P.M. Centennial Community
 Service
 English United Presbyterian Church

Monday,

7.30 P.M. Fun Parade
 Opening of Concessions
 9:30 P.M. Band Concert
 War Memorial Park

Tuesday, August 7

8:00 P.M. Square Dancing
 War Memorial Park
 8:00 P.M. Teenage Street Dance
 East Walnut Street

Wednesday, August 8

8:00 P.M. Talent Show
 Marietta Theater
 Musical Selections by Marian Weaver

Thursday, August 9

7:30 P.M. Family Night
 War Memorial Park
 9:30 P.M. Band Concert
 War Memorial Park

Friday, August 10

9:00 P.M. Sesquicentennial Ball
 Marietta School Gymnasium
 9:00 P.M. Teenage Street Dance
 East Walnut Street

Saturday, August 11

1:00 P.M. Sesquicentennial Parade
 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Dinner
 8:00 P.M. Special Entertainment
 War Memorial Park
 9:00 P.M. Beard Judging
 War Memorial Park
 11:30 P.M. Fireworks Display
 War Memorial Park

August 4-11 Antique Display
 In all available store windows

August 4-11 Art Exhibit
 Places will be designated

The Marietta Sesquicentennial Church Service

AUGUST 5, 1962

English United Presyberian Church

Marietta, Pennsylvania

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN — "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM — "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"
by the Sesquicentennial Chorus

PRAYER

SERMON — by the Rev. Robert T. Shellenberger
Minister of St. John's Episcopal Church, Kingston, New York

ANTHEM — "Hallelujah Chorus"
by the Sesquicentennial Chorus

BENEDICTION

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Rev. Shellenberger is a son of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta.

Ministers participating in the Service:

Rev. Charles M. Coldren, Minister of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta.

Rev. William A. McAdoo, Minister of the English United Presbyterian Church, Marietta.

The Sesquicentennial Chorus



First row, seated left to right: Jane Reisinger, Karen Gutshall, Jane Simmons, Richard Buchanan, James Woodring, Charles Gable, Kenneth Kauffman, Kay Kauffman, Harvene McKain, Ruth Green, Shirley Groom; second row, left to right: Virginia Libhart, Directress, Mabel Eckman, Shirley Bailer, Nancy Collier, Claire Houck, John Goodling, George Jacobs, William DeCarlton, Richard Waters, Bonnie Libhart, Mildred Peifer, Barbara Geyer, Linda Shireman, Helen Harris, Jean Collier, Minnie Deppeller, Organist; third row, left to right: Evelyn Rodkey, Shirley Myers, Edna Kelly, Elsie Byers, John Rodkey, Hoffman Charles, Francis Makle, Barbara Seaman, Ruth Drager, Jean Jenkins; fourth row, standing, left to right: Jo Ann Schopf, Jane Tucker, Tara Kelly, Mary Hoffines, Mary Simons, Darlene Lucas, Beatrice Simmons, Ruth Fahringer, Emily Buchanan, Naomi Myers; last row, left to right: Donald Simmons, Robert Erdman, David Byers, James McDowell.

Not pictured: Esther Johns, Pianist, Margaret Miller, Pianist, Robert Raber, Richard Smedley, Sandra Boyland, Myrtle Erdman, James Gish, Nancy Gehman, Arthur Hughes, Jr., Robert Hiestand, Richard Howell, Darlene Houseal, Estella Macklin, Vivian Rowell, Connie Sargen, Nancy Wood, Arthur Zuch.

The Sesquicentennial Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Libhart, performed twice for the community. The Chorus presented a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Choir of Bethlehem" and an Easter Cantata entitled "He Lives Again."

During the weekly celebration in August the Chorus will sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, The Hallelujah Chorus, Pennsylvania Song and This is My Country. These songs will be sung at the opening ceremonies and the church service.

Queen's Contest



*Seated, left to right: Karen Gutshall, Judy Hawthorne, Jenny Dinteman, Jean Coller, Marcie Portner.
Standing, left to right: Linda Huck, Sharon Baker, Jeanne Shope, Linda Shireman, Carleta Weisensale.
Not pictured: Ruth Ann Kipp.*

On Saturday evening, August 4, 1962, four judges will make the final decision for the Marietta Sesquicentennial Queen and the Parade Queen.

The eleven applicants are between the ages of 16 and 25, unmarried, and residents of Marietta, or the Lincoln voting district, which is the area surrounding the borough.

The candidates were entertained by the Queen's Committee at a tea held in June. Judges were guests at the tea and had the opportunity to meet and converse with each candidate.

The girls are being judged on the basis of personality, poise, confidence, appear-

ance and character. One of the requirements for entering the contest was a brief written history of the individual's life, accompanied by a photograph.

The contestants will be responsible for the design and execution of the decorations and ticket sales for the Queen's Ball. They will also take full charge decorating the float on which they will ride in the Sesquicentennial Parade.

The two Queens will each receive a crown and trophy. The remaining contestants will comprise the Queen's Court and serve as members of the hospitality committee during the week of Sesquicentennial festivities.

History of Marietta

On November 16, 1804, there appeared in the Lancaster Journal the following letter of advertisement:

Town of Waterford: The subscriber has appropriated a tract of land on the north side of the Susquehanna River at Anderson's Ferry, for a new Town to be called Waterford, and wishes to dispose of the lots on the same by way of lottery. Waterford will be excellently situated on account of health, will afford an elegant prospect and good limestone water in abundance. It is laid out at right angles. Each of the upper lots are 200 feet in depth and 30 feet in width, fronting on a main Street, and having a 16 feet alley in the rear. The water lots are 132 feet in depth, and 40 feet in width, separated from each other by a ten feet alley. All the lots will be clear of ground rent. The bank of the river is to be kept open for the use of the holders of town lots and for no other persons whatsoever. No privilege however will be given that can affect the interest of the present ferry. A plan of the town can be seen at the house of Mr. Hugh Wilson in Lancaster, and at Anderson's ferry. The drawing of the lottery, it is expected, will commence in the Month of February or early in the Month of March next. Tickets at sixty dollars each may be had of Mr. Hugh Wilson, and Mr. William Ferree in Lancaster, of Mr. John Pedan, Chickkeys, of Mr. John Greer, Yorktown, and of the subscriber at the ferry aforesaid.

(signed) James Anderson 2d.

With this advertisement the first step toward the establishing of the town of

Marietta appears to have had its impetus. The history of actual settlement of the location, however, precedes that above lottery by almost a whole century, for it was in 1715 that the first of the stalwart Scots-Irish arrived and located along the Susquehanna River above Chickies Creek. The land was particularly attractive to settlers, having been cultivated previously by the Indians of the district. In addition, the heavy surrounding timber promised ready materials for proposed construction of dwellings and farm buildings. Finally, the river itself and its tributary streams offered abundant supplies of fresh water fish.

One of the early Scotsman, Robert Wilkins, an Indian trader, had acquired three hundred acres in 1719 and, in 1727, sold the tract to the reverend James Anderson, pastor of the Donegal Church. Anderson's son, also James, possessed talents that were apparently more enterprising than to lead him into his father's profession, for it was the younger James Anderson who, inheriting his father's land, established the ferry that plied the river at Marietta and built the splendid structure on the York County side of his route at Accomac. Two generations later the fourth James Anderson laid out the town of Waterford on the land.

In 1719 another Scotsman, George Stewart, had taken up several hundred acres immediately to the east of the Wilkins holdings. In 1733 the land passed to his son, John, who in 1748, with his wife, Ann, sold the land to David Cook. Cook in turn gave the major portion of the tract to his son, David. The lack of inventiveness in devising names for offspring was hardly less remarkable in the Cooks than in the Andersons, for it is recorded that one generation later another David Cook laid out the town of New Haven.

The one hundred and fifty-nine acres which the earliest David Cook had given to a second son, James, was retained by that young man until he sold it to Jacob Neff in 1786. One of Neff's offspring, Catharine, married Henry Cassel, who on April 17, 1806, bought the Neff land, only to sell it early in 1814 to Jacob Grosh. Grosh subsequently laid out the land in building lots comprising roughly the easternmost four block of the town. Grosh himself named the community Moravian Town, but it was nicknamed Bungletown and was so called for some years. The major feat of bungling, however, was undeniably at the place of juncture of Cook's and Anderson's village along the "S" bend in present-day Market Street.

Just as Anderson was to do a year later, Cook gave public notice in 1803 that in his newly laid out town of New Haven one hundred lots would be disposed of by lottery. Although Anderson started his town a year later than Cook, the former's venture grew more rapidly from the start and continued to do so until the towns were consolidated. In 1813 land bought shortly before by John Myers, running from that alley crossing Market Street halfway between Locust and Pine Streets on the west to Grosh's addition on the east, completed the central and eastern sections of the borough.

Irishtown has never been within the corporate limits of the borough, though its origin was similar to that of the actual portions of the town. On April 2, 1813, John Pedan, James Mehaffey, and James Duffy purchased the hundred and sixty-one acres of land adjoining Anderson's on the west. They laid out five hundred and sixty-two building lots and the necessary streets. In view of what had been done earlier in other parts of the design of the town, no one is surprised to learn that the Irishtown streets did not connect in a straight line with those of the rest of the community. In the naming of those

Irishtown streets there lay an interesting tribute to the navel history of the earlier years of our country. The founders named each north-south street after an American naval hero, thus accounting for streets called Biddle, Jones, Decatur, Bainbridge, Morris, Hull and Porter. The east-west streets derived names from outstanding American sea vessels—Essex, United States, Wasp, and Constitution.

When the charter of the borough of Marietta was granted, the omission of Irishtown was not accidental. The citizens of that western end of town had resolutely maintained their resistance to extending the borough line to include their property.

Benjamin Long purchased about thirty acres of the Anderson farm at an early date, and these occupied that land beginning on the north side of West Walnut Street and extending to include those properties of the north side of Fairview Avenue. This land Long laid out as an addition to the town of two hundred and eighty-two building lots. The whole portion was included in the later corporation of the borough.

Anderson chose to call the main thoroughfare of his section "High Street." In the Cook additions, this same street was called "Second Street." Unoriginally enough, Grosh named the continuation of the road through his own addition "Third Street." In Irishtown, the street bore the name "United States Street." In the last quarter of the 1800's, some benefactor whose name is not recorded imposed at least the consistency of name on the whole thoroughfare by calling it officially "Market Street."

A seeming eccentricity in the design of the borough is the peculiar manner in which the town sprawls for a mile and a half along the river but is little more than quarter or half a mile wide. The principal reason for this is that at the time of the laying out of the villages river trade had assumed large proportions and was for

many years the main element of business in the town. River frontage, therefore, was vital to the survival of the town.

By 1812, then, Anderson and Cook agreed to procure a charter from the legislature. It was granted them and the town name of Marietta was agreed upon, though it is not entirely certain just how the name was arrived at. One account tells that the name was taken from Anderson's wife, Mary, and Cook's wife, Henrietta. Another story has it that Mary and Henrietta—or Etta—were Anderson's two daughters. Finally, one finds that Anderson's first wife was Mary Bayley and his second wife, Mary McQueen; that Cook's wife was Mary McFarquhar; and that the town was named in honor of the three Marys. At any rate, it is from the establishment of the town under charter in that year that the present celebration in 1962 is calculated.

An idea of the degree of prosperity in the town can be gleaned from the nature of the citizens' trades. A surviving list of taxable landholders in 1814 included the names of nine lumber merchants, twenty-one carpenters, twenty-one joiners, five masons, three painters, five plasterers, and five nailers. In addition, there are listed among others ten coopers, six butchers, nine tailors, four pilots, and three ferrymen. The account includes names of fourteen tavernkeepers, but only one pastor, indicating either that there was

slight patronage for the pastoral services or that the power wielded by that one divine was unbelievably influential in the community.

Growth of the town was thus quite brisk during the first few years, but with the economic crisis that came in 1817 expansion was seriously checked. Anderson, who had anticipated a state bridge across the river at Marietta, had expended most of his money in grading a road across Chickies mountain into Columbia—the "old" Columbia pike—, and, when the panic of 1817 struck and the bridge idea was abandoned, he left Marietta in embarrassment and removed to York.

It is interesting to read that Anderson's was not the only ferry to operate in the Marietta district of the Susquehanna. A mile or two upstream from Anderson's route another enterprising landholder—this one a German rather than a Scot—was operating a ferry in those early years. He was Christian Winiker, and the pronunciation of his name soon became locally corrupted into "Vinegar," and to our own time that crossing up the river is known as Vinegar Ferry.

General recovery in the community was delayed until the years between 1825 and 1830, at which time the Pennsylvania Canal was located through Marietta. This introduced a period that was apparently quite wild in some of its social manifestations.



*East Donegal Valley and
Old Pennsylvania Canal.*

No. <u>3637364</u>	Form 2-E. 6 15 99.
PENNSYLVANIA CANAL COMPANY.	
Collector's Office <u>Beach Haven, Pa.</u>	<u>Aug 31st 1900</u>
PERMIT Boat <u>#1617262</u> <u>Pabbot Nauticoke</u> Captain <u>Nagle</u> , to pass from <u>Nauticoke</u> to <u>Marietta</u> laden with <u>Coal</u>	
Original and additional articles entered on other side.	
Boat Tolls, - - \$	
Tolls on Lading, \$	<u>J. H. Campbell</u> Collector.
Boat and Cargo at the risk of Owners or Transporters and no allowance will be made for detention or damage.	

The accompanying illustration shows the permit for the last canal boat carrying coal from Nauticoke to Marietta, assigned to Morris Nagle of Marietta, who was captain of the boat. The boat came as far as Gay street in Marietta, landed in the canal at the foot of Gay street, where it was buried when the new lines of the P.R.R. were built. Mr. Nagle gave the permit to Edgar R. Villee, then correspondent for the Lancaster, Columbia and Harrisburg newspapers. It is dated Aug. 31, 1900, through the office of the Penna. Canal Co., at Beach Haven, Pa.

For example, it is recorded that whiskey was distilled on practically every farm in the vicinity and that the people of the borough were given to the pleasures of the cup, for though much of the beverage was shipped out to other towns, no small amount went into local consumption.

In 1816 a market house was erected in the area of the square at Gay and Market Streets in a wide plot designed for the purpose. It was an eccentric sort of building, we must believe, for it is described as standing upon stilts. Many years later this building was taken down as an eyesore; then, in 1874, a stock company was formed and a brick market house was built the following year on what is today the playground area of the Marietta Elementary School. The earlier original market house at Center Square had been built with a large second floor room to serve as a dance hall. Accounts that survive show that the festivities of those dances were often leavened by the intoxication of more than waltzes and gavottes. Finally, Marietta is recorded as the scene

of some of the earliest harvest fairs, "whither many merry-making people were drawn, for more than a view of the exhibits."

Whether it is an injustice to surmise that life in the town during those years was considerably less than sedate, one cannot with certainty say. However, the same account informs us that "shortly after this time there was a religious revival and much of the carefree life was abandoned," though it may be hard to imagine a more abandoned sort of social deportment than was recorded of those previous days. At any rate, the dance hall is said to have become a meeting house in which many were converted, either because of a deep religious sense or because of financial straits possibly induced by the Civil War. "Much of the joyousness," one reads, "was smothered under the new religious life which entered the town." And when it did, one can suppose only that the distillers started leaving.

Just how the affairs of borough govern-

ment fared during the heady days of the boom after 1825 is difficult to determine. Though records for only two years—1817 and 1830—survive, they are singularly uninformative. There are no official records for intervening years. However, it is known that the war record of Marietta has always been an admirable one. In the War of 1812, two companies from the town and its environs marched into Maryland to the defense of Baltimore; one was the notable Marietta Grays, commanded by Jacob Grosh. Then the martial spirit that pervaded the town just before the Civil War culminated in the forming of five companies, headed by Captains Roath, Congdon, Miller, Eagle, and Ettla. When confederate troops reached the southern bank of the Susquehanna and the Columbia bridge was burned, the news from Gettysburg fired the hopes of the citizens of Marietta.

That the women in the town were ready to serve is recorded in the incident of their concerted efforts in the baking of two wagonloads of bread and dispatching it to Gettysburg when a call came from there for food. Earlier these same women had spent much time and effort and expense

in preparing linen bandages for the Union wounded.

Historian Hugh W. Nevin, in his account, makes rather a thing of noting that "in 1830 the Pennsylvania Blues and the Don-egal Rangers were organized, commanded by Captains S. S. Rathbone and John Huss." Since history reveals no war current at the time of their existence, these two companies seem to have no other claim to fame than their stirring and colorful appellations.

With the advance of the twentieth century the idea of armed conflict has lost much of its luster, and there seems little point in enumerating its separate occurrences. It must be said, however, that in every instance of war the town of Marietta has contributed more than its fair share of blood and other sacrifice to the defense of our country's principles of democracy.

When one contemplates the romantic history of Marietta, he probably most readily visualizes the almost swashbuckling days of the nineteenth century when canal boats laden with coal and river rafts loaded with lumber and pilots floated seasonally into the community from upstate bringing raw materials to supply



Burning of Bridge of 1834, June 28, 1863.



Last rafts floated as far as Marietta. Landed in the Spring, April 12, 1911.

local industries. Logically, these early industries were concerned with building and expansion. Planing mills, lumber yards, carpentry shops, and allied businesses vied with the taverns as the backbone of the local economy. Timber had been not only the chief structural material in the growth of Marietta and surrounding communities, but wood also was long the chief fuel for the Pennsylvania citizenry. Consequently, lumbering in all of its aspects was the major industry during the middle 1800's.

Yet the industry that seems to have left the more indelible mark on the community was iron smelting, though chronologically

it follows lumbering. At one time there were six furnaces operating just east of the borough. Ore was provided from the Chestnut Hill mines primarily, though some local ore was processed. Vestiges of Marietta mining and smelting remain in the three or four "ore holes" situated on the high ridge that parallels the borough limit about a quarter mile to the north. These exhausted surface mines are now romantic depressions in the ridge, grown up in half-century stands of black ash and wild cherry. One of them, on the Musser farm northwest of the Marietta cemetery, offers several acres of gracefully timbered and irregular terrain not very different



Old Vesta Furnace.

from what one might imagine a forested moonscape to be like.

The industry continued well into the present century, and there are living many Mariettans who recall vividly the operation of the old furnaces. Doubtless the most vital remnant of the important iron industry in the community is the very much alive residences of the original ironmasters. Still standing and in excellent repair, nearly half a dozen of these stately homes occupy their grounds on the stretch of land just east of town along the Columbia pike.

Significant industry, however, was not always concerned with furnaces and saw-



B. F. Hiestand & Sons Saw and Planing Mill.



Chickies, Henry Clay Furnaces. Old canal and lock, east of Marietta.

mills. When so-called soft hats became popular after 1830, several makers of felt headgear operated in Marietta. As for purely scientific enterprise, the present Marietta plant of Wyeth, Incorporated is situated basically on the grounds of the old vaccine stables conducted originally by Dr. H. M. Alexander and David M. Grove, who established the laboratories in the later years of the nineteenth century.

Finally, in the past two or three generations Marietta has been the location of two silk mills, a hollow-ware and enameling manufactory, two cigar factories, a shoe plant, a soft-drink company, a casting company, a concrete block plant, and a large U. S. Air Force storage depot.

Marietta has had a newspaper history since 1813, when John Huss left his position with the Lancaster Journal to come to Marietta and establish the Pilot. Before 1815 Huss was succeeded by editor William Pierce, who called the paper the Village Chronicle. Although publication was stopped in 1816, Pierce attempted publication of a monthly journal called Ladies Visitor.

In 1826 Pierce announced himself owner of the Pioneer and began publication, continuing until succeeded in the editorship by Charles Nagle. Two men named Sheaff and Heinitsch began issuing a rival paper, the Courant, in 1829, and shortly bought out Nagle's enterprise and continued publishing both papers for a time.

The next paper to appear was the Advocate, although the 1840's was a time of issuance of a number of newspapers in the town: the Ant, the Orb, the Washingtonia, and the Weekly Argus.

The Mariettan was a paper supported by a stock company formed for the purpose in 1854. The paper continued publication, though the name shortly changed to the Marietta Register. In 1876 the town celebrated with the rest of the nation the centennial observation of the beginnings of our country, and with that event G. G. Cameron issued, on Thanksgiving Day, the first copy of the Marietta Times. A town newspaper under this name has been published ever since.

As for the present-day situation of the town of Marietta, other portions of this book will offer the reader detailed information about the industries and churches. Perhaps no more need be said here than that in comparison with other towns of its size this town has in some strange manner remained largely untouched by serious change. A former resident will return to the town to visit long years afterward, usually to remark that "this town doesn't change much." Not only does the broad river slip quietly past as it has done for centuries and the wooded hillsides to the south and east clock the seasons year after year, but the very tempo of the community itself continues largely uninfluenced by the rather frantic quickening of pace that marks so much of the rest of the world. In such a world, this halcyon condition is not entirely regrettable.



The Mennonite Church

History of Churches

The Mennonite Church

In 1928 the Mennonites of the Lancaster Conference held their first worship service in a home in Marietta. A few weeks later a vacant Church building in West Marietta was used and later purchased by the same group. That building was used until 1940 when the present brick building, located on the corner of Porter and Essex Streets, was constructed.

At the same time, a brick garage was constructed to house the bus which was used to furnish transportation for individuals who did not have transportation of their own. This building was completely

demolished in August, 1961, by a freak tornado which passed through the west end of Marietta.

The Mennonite people were interested in building a Church here through evangelization. Ministers who have served through the years in the Marietta Church were: Martin P. Kraybill, John S. Heistand, J. Paul Sauder and C. Richard Miller.

In the year 1951 almost the whole membership seceded from the Lancaster Mennonite Conference and new workers from the Conference took up the present work.

St. John's Episcopal Church

The history of the Episcopal Church in Marietta begins around 1810 when services were first held in Old Zion's Church, a Union Meeting House. From that time until about 1840 occasional services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster. He was an earnest and zealous missionary who traveled far and wide throughout the rural sections of Lancaster County and the vicinity, preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In 1846 Matilda Bailie, a member of the Episcopal Church living in Marietta, visited the Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania, and persuaded him to come to Marietta for a visitation. He came and preached in Zion Church the following year. Two years later the small congregation was admitted to the Diocese and received a charter from the Lancaster County Court. The Signers of the original charter were: William Child, Jr., S. F.

Eagle, Abraham Cassel, Henry Schock, James Cushmen, M.D., Jacob Roth, J. R. Diffenbach and P. S. Etter.

The newly-formed parish continued to be served by the Rector of the Episcopal Church in Columbia until 1865. During six of these years services were held in Marietta by the Rev. Dwight E. Lyman. Soon after he took over the parish Fr. Lyman secured the use of a room "over a paint shop up an alley" and fitted it up as a beautiful chapel. Later in this period the people of Marietta worshipped in Columbia, making the journey by raft on the canal.

On Easter Day, April 16, 1865, following the assassination of President Lincoln on Good Friday, April 14th, the Rev. John Cornish, then Rector of St. Paul's Columbia, delivered a sermon which offended many prominent members of the congregation, who were Southern Sympathizers. This led to the building of a



St. John's Episcopal Church-E.A.K

Church in Marietta. A lot was purchased the same year and the cornerstone laid in 1866 on May 2nd.

In the meantime, in 1865, the first Rector came to St. John's Church, the Rev. R. C. Russel. He served for four years and was succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Mead. On July 1, 1872, the Rev. T. William Davidson took charge and, the mortgage on the Church having been liquidated by that time, the Church was consecrated on November 14th. Fr. Davidson resigned in 1874 and was succeeded by the Rev. J. O. Drum, who served for just one year.

Following a period of occasional services, the Rev. Alonzo Diller, a newly-ordained Deacon took charge of the parish and became Rector in 1879 upon ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Diller left Marietta in 1883 and lost his life in the flood at Johnstown in 1889. A plaque to his memory was erected later and remains in the Church to this day.

During the rest of the nineteenth century the Church was served by the following Rectors: The Rev. A. T. Sharp, 1884-1886; The Rev. J. H. Graham, 1886-1888; The Rev. M. Karcher, 1890-1894; The Rev. O. H. Bridgman, 1895-1898; The Rev. Bert Foster, 1899-1903.

This early period in the life of St. John's was marked by the work of many faithful men and women. In 1896 Mr. S. F. Eagle, one of the original signers of the Charter, resigned as Senior Warden of the parish. He was succeeded by Mr. George W. Mehaffey, who had been a member of the Vestry since 1869. He continued as Senior Warden until 1910 and served every year as delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

Two other prominent names in that time are those of Mr. Simon R. and Mr. George F. Stibgen. Both were members of the Vestry for many years and both served in the Sunday School as teachers and as Treasurer and Superintendent, respectively, of the School.

Among the women active in the beginning of the Parish were Mrs. Samuel S. Halderman and Miss Matilda Baillie. These two can be credited with the starting of the Sunday School in the parish. Each gathered children into their homes for instruction in the days before the building of the Church. Others who were active during that time were: Mrs. Edwin Haldeman, Miss Catherine Cole, Mrs. Paris Halderman, Mrs. Henry S. Stauffer, Mrs. George W. Mehaffey and Miss Annie M. Reinhart.

The first Rector to come to the parish after the turn of the Century was the Rev. J. W. Diggles, who served from 1903-1906. Then came the following: The Rev. Joseph Sheerin, 1906-1908; The Rev. Norman Stockett, 1908-1909; The Rev. A. E. Durham, 1909-1910; The Rev. H. B. Pulsifer, 1911-1919; The Rev. H. D. Speakman, 1919-1921; The Rev. Allan Pressly Wilson, 1921-1924.

The Rev. Charles E. Berghaus became Rector of the parish in 1924 and served in that capacity for twenty-eight years, by far the longest term in the history of St. John's. Many improvements to the property of the parish were made during that time. The entire Church was decorated as a gift of Miss Maude Haldeman. Funds were raised and the present Parish House constructed. The Rectory, which had been purchased earlier from Mr. E. L. Reinhold, received many other improvements. Fr. Berghaus is remembered by many people in Marietta for his sincere devotion to his calling and the dignity of his manner.

The Rev. Paul S. Long was the next Rector of St. John's coming in 1954. During Fr. Long's rectorship the parish received a very generous legacy from the estate of Miss Mary Frances Stibgen. An extensive program of repairs and additions to the Church was begun.

The Rev. Charles M. Coldren, Jr., Th. D. became Rector in 1958 upon the resignation of Fr. Long. He remains in the office to the present and has compiled this brief history from earlier sources.



Bethel A.M.E. Church-E.A.K.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

In the year of 1861 a small building that was formerly used as a carriage house, a place for changing teams of horses from horse drawn carriages, was purchased by a group of Negroes who desired a place of worship. Formerly "camp meetings" were held in the open at a location known as Heisey's Woods, but this location afforded no protection from the weather, so the carriage house was remodeled for a church. This building still stands on the same location, the street now known as West Fairview Avenue, the church now known as the Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Then came a period of hard labor during which time "Quarterly Meetings" were held and attended by congregations from any other churches bringing friends and well wishers, giving a portion of their meager earnings in the church collection until there was sufficient funds to purchase Bibles, music and such furnishings as are needed for a church. There were "donations" from local friends also realizing the need for a church, gratefully accepted and put to proper use.

In December, 1878, a stove was purchased for the amount of eleven dollars and thirteen cents, the money, in the amount of thirteen dollars and forty-six cents, being donated by the members and well wishers.

During these years some of the active church brothers were Andrew Black, J. Walker, John Mallon, C. Bennett, J. Anderson, Joseph Maise, and John Cain. The church sisters included Fannie Brown, Tillie Howard, Nancy Maise, A. Mallon, Mary Smith, R. Thompson, Missouri Sebastian, Mary Cain, L. Coats, and A. Maise.

Well wishers who contributed were: William Knight, Lewis Howard, Mr. Hardle, John Howard, George Sebastian, L. Sanders, L. Lasilere, B. L. Barton,

Joseph M. Stafford, A. Harris, H. Jones, M. G. Armstrong, Miss Nellie Howard, Miss L. Smith and B. Musselman. The chairman of the committee for purchasing the stove was Joseph Maise, the secretary, Lewis Howard.

Bethel Church has been a part of a circuit service sharing ministers with Mount Joy and Wrightsville.

Among the ministers who have served the Bethel A. M. E. Church are:

Rev. R. O. Napper 1914
Rev. E. D. Brown 1921-1924
Rev. S. B. Timmons 1925
Rev. J. C. Spivey 1926-1930
Rev. Joseph Loney
Rev. N. A. Hilton 1931
Rev. C. H. Wilson 1932-1933
Rev. Donaldson Banks 1934
Rev. H. M. Satterfield 1935
Rev. John Springs 1936
Rev. C. C. Williams 1938
Rev. P. S. Shaw
Rev. S. A. Gatler 1939
Rev. C. D. Nearn
Rev. Allison Coble 1940
Rev. George McCray 1942-1944
Rev. S. L. Cooper 1945-1946
Rev. J. W. Gantt 1947-1956

Through the efforts of Rev. E. D. Brown and the faithful congregation between the years of 1921 and 1924 the parsonage located at 266 West Walnut Street was purchased.

Our present minister is Rev. William S. Patterson, who is now serving his fifth year. A conscientious, dedicated man who always finds a way to accomplish a task no matter how difficult it may be. The Rev. Patterson is a resident of Philadelphia and drives to Marietta each Sunday to conduct services and often two or three times a week other than Sunday to administer to the needs of the church and community. He is aided by a devoted and loyal wife, Elizabeth Patterson, who



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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has endeared herself to all who come in contact with her by her acts of unselfish kindness.

During Rev. Patterson's service new windows were installed and the church has been painted inside. A new oil heating system was installed in 1959 replacing a ten-year-old coal furnace. Plans are now being made for remodeling the church.

Two Sunday services are held each week: Sunday School at ten a.m. and morning worship at eleven-thirty.

Among those who have been converted here and are gone on to be ordained as

ministers are:

Rev. C. Charles Davis

Rev. John Johnson

Rev. Harvey Knight

Rev. John Cain

Rev. Walter Johnson

Rev. Earl Johnson

Active in missionary work are:

Evangelist Mrs. Edna Harris

Missionary Mrs. Betty Harris Quimby

We may be few but our hearts are stout
and God has made our shoulders broad.
Believe in Him and there'll be no doubt
and life eternal your just reward.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

In the early nineteenth century, it is very likely that the Jesuit Fathers attended the Catholics of Marietta. Later in the century they were looked after by The Very Reverend Bernard Keenan, V. G. of Lancaster.

A movement to erect a Catholic Church in Marietta was started by Mr. Patrick Lynch and Professor S. S. Haldeman. Father James J. Russell of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Penna., began the work. The corner stone was laid November 4, 1869 by the Most Reverend J. F. Shanahan, D. D., First Bishop of Harrisburg. Holy Mass was offered in the basement until the superstructure was finished and dedicated on May 7, 1871. The beautiful new church was dedicated to Almighty God under the title of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That is its proper title today and will remain its rightful designation.

The Reverend Philip McLaughlin was the first resident Pastor in Marietta and after he left the parish was attended by Fathers Smith and Maher from Harrisburg. Father John O'Reilly was located here and died during his pastorate in 1892. He was succeeded by The Reverend T. F.

Kennedy who supervised the building of the present rectory in 1896.

In the early years, a parochial school was conducted in the basement. It was discontinued about 1890. Among those who attended were Paul O'Rourke, John Zeigler and George A. Resch.

There have been twenty-six resident pastors in Marietta until the present time. Three remained longer than the others; The Reverend Arthur W. Brandt, June, 1915—June, 1922; The Rt. Reverend Monsignor Harold E. Keller, December, 1940—May, 1947; The Reverend Bernard V. Mattern, June, 1947—September, 1955. The present Pastor, The Reverend Ambrose P. Hayden came in September 15, 1955 and is now in his seventh year in the parish.

It was during the pastorate of The Right Reverend Monsignor Harold E. Keller that the church building was completely renovated; the church itself being decorated by the noted Mr. Rambusch. One of the salient features of the renovation is the beautiful marble altar quarried on the Pierre DeVitry estate within the boundary of the parish.

The history of the parish has been a



Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church-M.E.S.

story of fluctuation of peoples and numbers. Originally, they were all Irish and German. Later other groups came and settled in the Billmeyer and Bainbridge area. For about ten years prior to 1940,

Holy Mass was offered weekly in the community chapel at Billmeyer. Today the fluctuation continues, mainly, because of the frequent changes in personnel at the Marietta Air Force Depot.

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Before the organization of any specific congregation, the people of Marietta were given religious services by various pastors of the different denominations in the surrounding area. These services of worship were held in private homes.

Then, in 1817, a petition was circulated to build a church for all the various denominations in town. When enough money was forthcoming, a church was erected on the west corner of the public cemetery. The cornerstone of the union church was laid on August 23, 1818, and the work was completed about five years later.

In 1852 the Lutheran and Reformed members organized a union congregation. The Rev. Mr. Doer, a Reformed pastor, conducted services every two weeks. This arrangement did not prove satisfactory and the following year the union congregation was disbanded.

In 1878 another effort was made to unite the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, but again there was no success. One of the reasons was that in the meantime the Lutheran members had begun laying the foundation for a church of their own. The new church, which is still the present Lutheran Church, was dedicated on December 15, 1878.

Throughout all this time there were actually two Lutheran groups in Marietta, the German and the English speaking Lutherans. The Zion's German Lutheran Congregation was organized in 1855 by the Rev. Mr. Mertz and held regular services of worship in the old community church building. (It is from the date of organization of the German congregation in 1855 that our history as a denomination is

reckoned.) As early as 1814 the English Lutherans were meeting in various homes and using the services of some of the Lutheran ministers of the area. In 1878 with the erection of the new Lutheran Church, the two groups which were kept separate by the language barrier were brought together. A young minister just out of seminary, The Rev. George Philip Mueller, had the task of reorganizing the congregation and adopting a new constitution. He performed his ministry both in German and English and was so satisfactory that in 1882 the new congregation was chartered under the name: Zion's German-English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Since Rev. Mueller organized the Lutheran Church as we know it in Marietta, thirteen ministers have served the church. It must be noted that during the one-hundred-six years of Lutheranism in Marietta, many changes have been made. The church has been renovated many times so that it might remain "in the beauty of holiness". In 1907, during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Rex, the Sunday School Chapel was added so that the youth of the church might have a proper place to learn Christian nurture. In 1960 the old parsonage which had outlived its useful life was razed and in its place stands the new home for Zion's pastors.

In closing this all too brief study of Zion Church, credit must be given to the Rev. Verely Fulmer who died in 1959 while serving the church. The Rev. Mr. Fulmer was pastor when the church celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1955, and, it was he who correlated the history from which this sketch was made.



The First Methodist Church-E.A.K.

First Methodist Church

Methodism in Marietta dates back to about 1815 when an itinerant Methodist preacher organized a class, composed of people won by his evangelistic services. A Methodist Society or Church grew from this class. Services of worship and class meetings were held in private homes, outdoors under large trees, and in public buildings, such as the market and a school.

In 1830 the Methodists built a small frame building on Walnut Street at the present site of the Lutheran Church. The pastor of the Lancaster Circuit preached to the growing congregation in the new building for several years. Then various pastors served this church on a circuit with Bainbridge, Mount Joy and Washington Boro.

In 1839 a Sunday School with classes for various age groups was organized. This has been in continuous operation ever since that date.

In 1850 the present lot on East Market Street and Lumber Avenue was acquired as a gift from Mr. David Rinehart, a local lumber merchant. A new church was built and attracted large congregations. For a time the pastors served this church alone.

During the Civil War period slavery was denounced from its pulpit as "the sum of all villainies."

In the early days there was no instrumental music in the church. The pitch for all congregational singing was given by striking a tuning fork. When a melodeon, now in the home of Mrs. David Brandt, was installed, some members of the congregation withdrew in reaction to

this "worldly" form of music. This opposition group attended another church for about three months until that church began to use the cornet to accompany the congregational singing.

In 1873 the building on East Market Street was remodeled—the old pulpit and pews were replaced and a Sunday School room was built.

A very extensive remodelling project took place in 1906, when the building was raised to make a higher Sunday School room and the galleries were removed from the main auditorium so that only the choir loft remained above the level of the pulpit. All the plain glass windows were replaced with stained glass. The present brownstone front was put on the church as a gift from Mr. Barr Spangler, who was president of the Board of Trustees. At this time a new pipe organ (powered by a water motor) was installed. Andrew Carnegie paid part of the cost of the organ. The church members rejoiced when this ambitious remodelling was successfully completed.

In the intervening years many improvements and repairs have been made to the church property.

Through the years organizations for children, young people, women and men have been active in serving their church and community. Nearly a century and a half has passed since the voice of that first traveling Methodist preacher was heard here, and the Methodist Church continues today to proclaim the Gospel here in Marietta.



The English Presbyterian Church-E.A.K.

The English United Presbyterian Church

Organized Presbyterianism began in the Winter of 1814-15 in the "Old Bell School House", in a union Sunday School, which later became known as the Presbyterian Sunday School.

The first Church building, a red brick structure on North Gay Street, was begun in 1821, and completed and ready for worship by October 1822. The Church was formally organized as the English Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Pennsylvania on October 24, 1822. The first Church building was torn down in 1853, and the materials were used in the building of the Church on Market Street at its present site, completed in 1854. It had a belfry like that on the old town hall.

This Market Street building was re-modeled in 1884 by the addition of an entrance tower. The Chapel, the gift of John H. Grove, M.D., was built in 1898.

The corner stone for the memorial front was laid July 24, 1909. This front made the Church building conform to the Chapel in material, which was of Avondale marble. This was the gift of Mrs. John H. Grove. The bell was the memorial gift of Mr. B. Frank Hiestand in memory of his mother, Mrs. Martha Schock Hiestand, and his aunt, Mrs. Annie Schock Crout. An extension was built to the rear of the Church to accommodate the new Midmer pipe organ, and the interior was refurnished.

The Church as it now stands was re-dedicated on January 1, 1911.

The present congregation in 1961 completely renovated the interior and installed a new heating system.

This year, 1962, marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of this Church.

Furnace Chapel

The Session records of the English Presbyterian Church of Marietta state that: "The Vesta Mission Sabbath School, at the East End of Marietta in East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa., was regularly organized by the Pastor, Reverend George M. Hickman, on June 6, 1886, as a mission of the Presbyterian Church of Marietta." It is so recognized by the Session under whose supervision the school is conducted.

The popular name was "The Furnace Sunday School" as the public school building in which it was organized was named the "Furnace School." The Vesta Furnace, just East of Marietta, and two Watts and the Donegal Furnaces were in operation, and most of the families dependent upon the furnaces for employment lived in the companies' dwellings, and attended the

Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. George Mable were instrumental in the organization, and Mr. Mable was the first Superintendent, and remained in this capacity until his death in 1916.

As interest grew, it was decided to erect a chapel. A plot of ground was purchased in 1888, located on the Edward Miley property along the highway to Columbia, almost directly North of Watts Station. The cornerstone of the Furnace Chapel was laid on Sunday, July 22, 1888. And the finished Chapel was dedicated on October 18, 1891.

On June 30, 1914, Mrs. John H. Grove purchased lot no. 114 in the Borough of Marietta for the purpose of building a Chapel and contributed the greater part of the funds for removing Furnace Chapel from its Watts Station location and re-



Furnace Chapel-M.E.S.

building the same. It still stands on this location on East Market Street.

Many members of the Presbyterian Church, and other Churches in the Community have contributed to the progress of the Furnace Chapel. Its present Super-

intendent is Mr. Aaron Sharp. There is one known living charter member, Mrs. Elmira Kibler, who lives at present with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Brayman, on Fairview Avenue.

United Church of Christ (Zion's Reformed Church)

In 1812, when Marietta was incorporated as a borough, a number of families had banded together under the Reformed faith. Not having a church of their own they became part of a charge comprised of Maytown, Manheim, Rapho, Blasers (now Elizabethtown) and Columbia.

In 1816, David Cook gave the plot of ground on which the "Old Zion's Church" was built. This was to be used by all Protestant churches. The first sermon preached in it was by a noted Evangelist, Lorenzo Don, who used the carpenter's bench for a pulpit. Rev. Henry R. Shaffner moved to Marietta in 1835 and continued to preach in Zion's church until his death on April 19, 1852. He is buried in Marietta. After his death, for some unknown reason, enthusiasm waned and Zion's Congregation ceased to exist. Frequent efforts were made to reorganize the congregation but all without success until August 15, 1875 when Rev. A. B. Shenkle, then supplying Maytown began to preach in Marietta. He continued to do so until the Reformed interest began to revive. Different persons from Lancaster took charge until it was necessary to reorganize a Reformed Congregation. In the fall of 1878 the congregation was organized with some forty members. Among the members of the congregation were the following family names: Dellinger, Lutz, Tinsley, Hanlen, Wolfe, Wrhen, Grady, Libhart, Cassel, Gorner, Thompson, Ohmit, Snow,

Rapp, Sanders, Riff, Britton, Weaver, Sharp, Dugan, Mason, Shriner, Shireman and Paules.

In the spring of 1879 an effort was made to unite the Marietta and Maytown churches, but it failed. Then on June 20, 1880, at a meeting of Classes in Quarryville it was resolved to form a charge by uniting the Marietta and Maytown Congregations. Rev. Shenkle was relieved from the Maytown church and the united charge elected Rev. S. P. Brown, who had been preaching in Marietta. He left in June, 1881. The charge was dissolved in 1883 and both churches again became separate congregations.

Rev. David B. Schneder came to Marietta in 1883. Here, in his first Catechetical class he met his future wife. After four years' service they left Zion's church to go to Japan as Missionaries. In Japan they helped to found the College at Sendai where they labored long and hard, and through their labors won many souls for Christ. When Dr. Schneder celebrated his fiftieth anniversary he and Mrs. Schneder were in the United States. While here he and his wife both preached in Zion's Reformed Church, Waterford Avenue. They returned to Japan and have since gone to their eternal rest. They are buried on a hill overlooking their beloved Sendai.

Then followed the pastorates of the Reverends S. F. Laury, George M. Zacharias



*Zion's Evangelical and Reformed Church-E.A.K.
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and Charles H. Slinghoff, which ended December 7, 1894.

The pastorate of William Yenser followed. He was fresh from Ursinus Seminary, began his new duties December 15, 1894 and was installed January 13, 1895. Under his leadership the congregation grew rapidly.

Although for many years the Reformed Congregation held undisputed possession of Zion's Church, it still was not their absolute property. This fact and the rapid growth of the congregation made Rev. Yenser determined to erect a church. Having conceived the idea of the new church building, Rev. Yenser and the congregation worked determinedly. The lot of ground, then a private park, where the new Zion's Church now stands, was bought and the foundation was laid. Due to the lack of funds this was covered and the pastor and people were much less worried about the future than some others. Quietly they set about to create a building fund and never did a congregation labor more faithfully.

Sunday, May 27, 1900, has long been a memorable day in the history of Zion's Reformed Church for on that day the cornerstone of the new church at Market Street and Elbow Lane, now Waterford Avenue, was laid. These articles were placed in the cornerstone: a Testament, Hymn Book, Heidelberg Catechism, Marietta papers, three coins dated 1900, a list of officers of the church and a list of contributors. In due time the building was erected and on Sunday, November 30, 1902, Rev. Yenser preached a farewell sermon in the old church on the hill.

On Sunday, December 2, 1902, dedicatory services were held in the new Zion's Reformed Church. Rev. Yenser not only conceived the idea of the new church but planned the building which included an adjoining Sunday School Room and a parsonage with an entrance into the church. His plans were drawn to scale by Architect Koch of Columbia. Adam Bahn of Marietta

was the builder. Rev. Yenser served the congregation loyally and earnestly until December 14, 1908.

During the pastorate of Rev. M. Louchs, D. D., who succeeded Rev. Yenser, Mr. Frank Hiestand very generously paid for and donated to Zion's Reformed Church the historic and highly prized bell which for so many years called the people to worship in the "Old Church." It was hung in the belfry and dedicated April 15, 1911, with the ministers of the town taking part in the service. The custodianship of the Old Zion Church was given to Borough Council on June 3, 1908.

Since we had been using a borrowed hand organ up to this time we started to give serious thought to purchasing a pipe organ. The choir, which for several years had been gathering up whatever funds they could for the express hope and purpose of some day being able to purchase a modest little pipe organ, assumed full responsibility of this project. Unexpectedly through the kind efforts of the pastor, Rev. E. Elmer Sensenig, the Andrew Carnegie Corporation promised to pay the last half of the cost of the organ and gave them a year to raise the money. After the committee investigated different makes of instruments and visited the M. P. Moller factory at Hagerstown, Maryland, an order was placed with Mr. Moller to build the organ. It was built according to space to get the greatest possible tonal variety and to be suitable for every possible requirement. Thanks to many who labored and many kind friends it was at last completed and was dedicated to the glory of God, November 1, 1914.

Rev. Wilbur W. Moyer was with us during the first World War. During this time several memorials, the Altar Cross, Vases, a pulpit light and a silk American Flag were given to the church. This was during the Flu Epidemic. Within one week Rev. Moyer officiated at funeral services for a whole family and at another time he officiated at services for part of



The Assembly of God Church

a family one Saturday and the remainder of the family the following Saturday.

Rev. Noah Fravel was with us about two and one half years.

Rev. Victor Steinberg, a native of Buffalo, New York, came to us from a Reformed Mission in Kansas. While he was here we held the first Daily Vacation Bible School in Marietta. The church was redecorated during August and September, 1927, and rededicated September 25, 1927. In the meantime, the Maytown Reformed Church petitioned Lancaster Classis to unite their church with Zion's Reformed Church, Marietta. After much consideration by the Classis and Zion's Church we were advised to consent to the union and were then known as the Marietta-Maytown Charge. We had one minister but remained two separate churches. Rev. Steinberg resigned the charge to let a new pastor take over, Rev. James B. Musser.

Now followed the pastorates of Reverends Arthur D. Knoebel, Aldred L. Creager and supply pastors William

Banks, Harold Hess, Robert Pilgrim, Robert Mays, Richard Whitney and Guy P. Bready.

During this time a painting, started many years before, was placed above the altar, a new furnace was installed, a new Hammond Electric Organ was purchased and installed, and numerous memorials were given to be dedicated to the glory of God. The cellar under the Sunday School was excavated and made into a kitchen and dining room.

During this time a move was made to join the Evangelical and Reformed churches merged and we now are members of the United Church of Christ.

When pastor Rev. Charles Wentling came into our midst Zion's Church asked for and was released from the union with Maytown, making it a separate congregation. During the summer of 1961 we had the church building and the parsonage refinished with plaster brick. This not only gives it a nice appearance but will preserve it for many years.

The Assembly of God Church of Marietta

The church, formerly known as "Marantha Chapel," began when a group of Christians met in September, 1934, in various homes. This lasted for almost a year. In July, 1935, a business meeting was held to organize an assembly. Nineteen charter members signed their names for this purpose. Of these original charter members the following are still members: Paul Gottshall, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Gottshall, Minnie Myers, George Baker, and Mr. & Mrs. John Gusler.

In the year 1935, an old school house was rented, at 524 East Market Street, Marietta, and meetings were held there until 1937. In 1937, "The Old Zion Church" was rented from the Borough and the building was rededicated to the Lord.

In 1946, "Marantha Chapel" was set in order and became affiliated with the Assemblies of God. The church was incorporated, in 1960, and became the "Assembly of God Church of Marietta," and has occupied these premises until the present.

PASTORS IN ORDER

Organizer: Rev. Thomas R. Brubaker
First Resident Pastor: Rev. Harold E. Doersom, 1939.
Rev. Charles A. Parrish
Rev. Elwood Bell
Rev. Citor Burkett
Rev. Paul C. Parrish
Rev. Anthony G. Planes, 1959 to present.

History of Industries

Marietta Air Force Station

On August 11, 1941, construction was begun on what is today the home of the Marietta Air Force Station. This site was formerly rich farmland, and one small section bears the marks of an earlier depot which was used for a short time during the World War I as a reconsignment point.

Overnight this peaceful river valley became a beehive of activity as men and machines were moved in to prepare the site as a holding and reconsignment point to receive the material of war destined for east coast ports. By January 15, 1942, six warehouses were completed and vital war supplies were moving in. This was the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point, with the primary mission to receive and store Quartermaster, Ordnance, Medical, Engineer, and Signal Corps supplies until the ports were in a position to receive and ship them overseas.

Three more warehouses were erected by February of 1944 and in October 1945 the installation was officially designated as the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot. The summer of 1953 saw the completion of a permanent-type open storage warehouse, bringing the total number of warehouses to ten.

November 1, 1953, the Transportation Material Command was established at the Marietta Depot with the mission of supply control, cataloging, procurement, mobilization planning, and standardization and production engineering.

During April 1955, the Marietta Transportation Depot was transferred to New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and established as a transportation supply section of the New Cumberland General Depot. Within

the next few months following the transfer of the depot, the Transportation Material Command began transferring its functions to St. Louis, Missouri, with complete deactivation scheduled for July 31, 1956.

The Depot on May 1, 1955, was transferred from the Army to the Air Force. The Air Force in turn established Marietta as an Olmsted AFB satellite station with the primary functions of receipt, storage, shipment and disposal of Air Force material and equipment.

Storage space, inside and outside, amounts to over eight million square feet. The Station occupies an area of over 400 acres with all buildings remaining today as they were under Army jurisdiction, and a large percentage of storage space is still allotted to General Services Administration.

An important function of the Marietta Station is Redistribution and Marketing Division. This activity disposes of all surplus Air Force property in the Middletown area, either by redistribution to other government agencies, by donation, or by sale. In addition, this office is responsible for redistribution and marketing functions throughout the 11-state Middletown Air Material Area.

The Marietta Air Force Station employs more than eight hundred civilians, mostly from Lancaster County. This work force is the recipient of more than five million dollars in wages yearly, which contributes greatly to the stability of the local economy. Lancaster County can justly be proud of the workers of Marietta Air Force Station who perform a job that is a vital link in the chain of defense of the United States.



Aerial View of the Marietta Air Force Station

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation has been a corporate citizen of Marietta for about 10 years. As a part of community life around Marietta, Texas Eastern operates a large natural gas compressor station about two miles west of town on Township Road T-673, across from the Marietta Air Force Station.

This compressor station moves natural gas destined for markets in Philadelphia and the New York area through the famous war-time Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines. To do this requires the force supplied by six reciprocating (piston type) compressors each powered by a natural gas-fueled engine similar to an automobile

engine except on a much larger scale. These engines each supply 1,760 horsepower giving the station a total rating of 10,560 horsepower.

Located on a 29.7-acre tract, construction on this station was begun in June, 1952. It was completed and officially placed in service on November 30, 1952. In addition to the compressor building and its related yard piping, there is a station workshop and office, a microwave communications building and antenna tower and six cottages housing company employees.

Keeping the Marietta station operating on a round-the-clock schedule requires the services of 15 men—a chief operator,

four operators, one operator-oiler, one reciprocating mechanic and eight maintenance men. Ray B. Smith is chief operator of the Marietta station and is in charge of all of its operations.

This station is one of some 20 compressor stations in Texas Eastern's operating district number three comprising the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In addition, there are more than 1,400 miles of natural gas pipelines operated by Texas Eastern in this district as well as two very large natural gas underground storage fields. District operations are under the direction of Murrell Carlisle, district manager, who has his headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Other

facilities under his direction include extensive gas metering, regulating and customer delivery facilities in the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Texas Eastern is a leading pipeliner of energy for the nation with pipelines extending from Mexico to New York and from the Gulf Coast of Chicago. The company has more than 9,200 miles of pipeline in service—6,987 miles in natural gas service and 2,225 miles in petroleum products service. Through these pipelines the company can move up to 268,000 barrels of refined petroleum products and 2.48 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day.

USALCO U. S. Aluminum Corporation of Pennsylvania

The U. S. Aluminum Corporation began operations in 1955 as a new organization. It was organized by some local residents of York for the production of aluminum alloys.

Our product serves such consumers as the appliance and automotive industries, as well as industrial concerns, manufacturing many products for defense purposes. It is used exclusively in making castings for such items as automotive automatic transmissions, pistons, aluminum fry pans, and thousands of other products used by nearly everyone, every day of the year.

Although the raw materials used in making our product are mostly all scrap,

the finished product, which is rather rectangular in shape, weighing approximately 25 pounds and known as "ingots", must conform to rigid specifications and, in all respects, perform as satisfactorily as "prime" aluminum alloys, such as those manufactured by companies such as Alcoa, Kaiser, and Reynolds Aluminum.

Ours is a completely local industry which employs approximately 80 people who reside throughout York and Lancaster Counties.

In the seven years that U. S. Aluminum has been in operation, it has grown to be one of the largest Eastern producers in the Aluminum Smelting Industry.

Machinecraft, Incorporated

At the close of the second World War, during July, 1947 Mr. Paul Weien of Marietta, Pennsylvania and Mr. Louis X. Garfunkel of New York City purchased the factory building at 26 Perry Street. Here

they began to manufacture the Automatic food shaping machines which have become known world-wide since that time. They became incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania in December, 1947.

Mr. Weien has served as the Vice President and General Manager of the plant since it came into existence. He spent a great deal of time and effort in designing new models of the food shaping machine which forms, shapes and scales products such as meat, fish, potatoes, and most mixtures which can be formed by hand. These machines also are used to produce the well known American food "hamburgers". This is an electrically operated machine in which the product is placed in a hopper under which a turntable, having different sized and shaped pistons, revolves over a can. This causes the pistons to be raised and lowered thus allowing the product to fill in the opening so created.

Machinecraft, Inc. also designed and built hydraulic valves for the first two air craft carriers which the United States built. These were designed by Mr. Weien so that the plane could be kept at even

keel during "take off and landing of the planes" on the deck of the ship. These carriers were also equipped with the Automatic food shaping machines. Also other types of ships of the U. S. Navy are equipped with a food shaping machine. The Army and Air Force also use them in their installations.

Even though Machinecraft, Inc. does not have a large personnel, it has gained recognition in many parts of the World. Some such places are England, South Africa, Australia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, and our good neighbor to the North, Canada.

While Small Business today has quite a struggle to remain in existence, we feel that we have tried to keep abreast of the times and succeeded in a small way with the help of our local banks and businessmen for whom we are thankful.

Donegal Mutual Insurance Company

Donegal Mutual Insurance Company (formerly called "Donegal and Conoy Mutual Fire Insurance Company"), a Pennsylvania corporation located in Marietta, was incorporated May 13, 1889.

For a period of over seventy-two years the Company has written Fire and Allied Lines insurance on a preferred class of properties throughout Pennsylvania. In 1954 the Company amended its Charter to write not only Fire and Allied Lines coverages but also General Casualty coverages. Particular emphasis is placed on Automobile Insurance.

The Company has 450 agents in Pennsylvania and in its office employs fifty-five people with a payroll to the community in excess of \$250,000.00.

The Company enjoys a favorable position in the Insurance industry and has earned an enviable reputation for prompt and fair payment of claims.

All Policies are non-assessable and are recognized and accepted readily by all Banks, Building & Loan Associations, and other lending institutions throughout its area of operations.

In 1960 the Company acquired ten acres of farmland bordering on the Borough of Marietta. A new modern two-story-and-basement office building of Colonial architecture was erected on this site in 1961, and the old office building on West Market Street, occupied since 1924, was abandoned.

The Company's rapid growth in both assets and policyholders' surplus during the past ten years is reflected in the following figures:

	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Policyholders Surplus</u>
Dec. 31, 1950	\$1,075,401.58	357,752.67
Dec. 31, 1960	3,656,611.68	1,607,578.45

Donegal Steel Foundry Company

The present manufacturing facilities of Donegal were formerly owned and operated as a planing mill by B. F. Hiestand & Sons, Marietta, who conducted a lumber business here for many years.

The Hiestand property was deeded to the Paul W. Zimmerman Foundries Co. in February, 1945, and was acquired by the Donegal Manufacturing Corp. on July 19, 1954. On November 7, 1956 the name of Donegal Manufacturing Corp. was changed to Donegal Steel Foundry Co.

Donegal continued the manufacture of brass, bronze and aluminum castings formerly manufactured by Paul W. Zimmerman Foundries until October 1, 1951, at which time the facilities were converted to a steel foundry for the production of carbon, low alloy and stainless steel castings.

During the Korean War period most of the castings produced were for tanks for the Army. Subsequent to the Korean War the company developed its commercial business and now serves 150 customers in a variety of industries—80% of its production being devoted to pressure work.

On July 1, 1949 the company employed 20 people. As of July 1, 1961 the employment had grown to 135 with an annual payroll of \$800,000. On August 7, 1956 Harry L. Quinn, the present President, acquired management control of the corporation and since that time the plant has undergone considerable modernization and improvement. The present officers of the corporation are: Harry L. Quinn, President, Philip S. Hoffman, Vice President and General Manager, and Roy G. Hubley, Secretary-Treasurer.

Wyeth Laboratories, Inc.

In 1882, Dr. H. M. Alexander, a practicing physician in Marietta, recognized the need for smallpox vaccine to control epidemics of this disease which were then common in the United States and throughout the world. At that time, smallpox vaccine was not commercially available in the United States. Dr. Alexander decided to make, for his own use, vaccine prepared after the method of Jenner. In a chicken house adjacent to his office at 299 West Market Street, he set up facilities to vaccinate heifers and produce vaccine. A report to the Philadelphia Academy of Medicine, on his experience with his own home made vaccine, resulted in many inquiries from other physicians and within a year he found it necessary to expand his facilities and did so by purchasing a farm, located at Wasp and Biddle Streets, Marietta, from Mr. H. McMullen. In this

location was built the first commercial biologic laboratory in the United States and is the same property now occupied by Wyeth Laboratories Inc. Local histories ("Portrait and Biographical Record of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania", Chapman Publishing Company, 1894) reveal that these laboratories were the largest producing vaccine laboratories in the United States and as of that year produced more vaccine than all other establishments in the United States. This biographical sketch further reveals "so high is the reputation for purity which this lymph has gained that the demand for it even rivals that for the production of the Government vaccine propagating department of England. Dr. Faulkner, a member of the Royal Chirurgical Society of England, who has charge of that establishment, orders it in large quantities, giving as the reason

that he can get better and cheaper lymph from these farms than from the establishment under his charge".

As of that period, 12 men and several ladies were employed, with as many as 40 people being involved during epidemic periods, when the demand for vaccine reached 100,000 vaccinations per day. Dr. Alexander had built a handsome practice in Marietta, but abandoned it in 1889 to devote full time to the production of vaccine.

Dr. Alexander's biography reveals that he was not only interested in business but served as a school director in East Donegal Township and as a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. He was also active in all medical affairs and was one of the first promoters of the American Exhibitors Association, organized at the World's Fair in Chicago, and was Vice-President of that organization. He received at this Exposition the only gold premium awarded for smallpox vaccine. "His vaccine was afterward pronounced as a result of scientific investigation by the most eminent chemists of the country constituting a Board for that purpose, to be the purest vaccine manufactured by any concern in the world".

At this time, the Company was known as Dr. H. M. Alexander and Company and also as the Lancaster County Vaccine Farm.

Before the turn of the century, Dr. Alexander's interests extended into the fields of other infectious diseases and he undertook the manufacture of Diphtheria Antitoxin, Tetanus Antitoxin, Tuberculin and Typhoid Vaccine. The Company continued under Dr. Alexander's name until 1916. In 1916, the then existing family partnership, consisting of heirs of Dr. Alexander, sold their interests to a new

organization known as the Gilliland Laboratories Inc. The Company continued under this name until 1943, when it was acquired by the American Home Products Corp., thru stock exchange, and continued for one year as an independent subsidiary of that Corporation. In 1944, all of the manufacturing plants belonging to American Home Products Corp. were incorporated under the name of Wyeth Laboratories Inc. and the Marietta Company then assumed the new name under which it presently functions.

In the intervening years between its establishment and the present, the laboratories became a "full line" house producing all biologics of major significance for the control of infectious diseases in man. During this interval, it has earned a reputation with the medical profession for manufacturing products of high quality and, in many instances, being the first to introduce new products to the market. In recent years, production has been expanded to include a line of pharmaceutical specialties as well as biologicals.

As of 1962, the Company employs approximately 370 people and enjoys distribution of its products in every country of the world, except those behind the Iron Curtain. In its 80 years of existence, the Company has been under the stewardship of the following Directors:

Directors	Years Served
Dr. H. M. Alexander	1882—1906
Dr. S. H. Gilliland	1906—1929
Dr. E. L. Cornman	1929—1934
Dr. E. K. Tingley	1934—1945
Mr. E. F. Voigt	1945—1946
Dr. B. Scott Fritz	1946—1958
Dr. J. H. Brown	1958—to date

A. Werman & Sons, Incorporated

In this modern and progressive shoe manufacturing company, a pair of shoes are born for "junior" at the rate of 8

pairs per minute. The company started operations here in Marietta, during the year of 1938, and employs steadily, 160

local area residents. There is no doubt that the company has contributed greatly to the growth and the economy of this area.

The Werman Company, branching off from the parent company of Brooklyn, N. Y., originated over 40 years ago, and has a well established name in the Shoe industry.

The Marietta branch manufactures Stitchdown Children's shoes, and growing Boy's shoes, from sizes 8 1/2 to 7, under the "CampusBilt", "Campus, Jr." and "Campus Youth" brand names. These

shoes are distributed to all parts of the United States, including Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The shoes are processed here, starting in the Cutting room, and go through more than 100 operations before they are placed into boxes for the ultimate consumer.

The success of this organization attributes a great deal to the employees who have shown fine workmanship in manufacturing a quality product, with a fine management and employee relationship.

History of Education

The first schoolhouse in Marietta was built prior to 1811 and was known as the Bell School. The first teacher was Joseph Jeffers, an Irishman. He had formerly taught in the log schoolhouse at Donegal Presbyterian Church.

In 1812 William Pierce taught in the Bell School for several years. Samuel Ross taught school in the room above the Market House in Center Square, in 1817. He was followed by James Lowsenth, Wm. Ebbles, 1817, and William Hall, 1820.

George Bresco taught school for a number of years in a one story brick house east of the Market House. Judge John J. Libhart was one of his scholars.

In 1822 William Rankin, an Englishman, taught in the room over the Market House.

Aaron B. Grosh, son of Judge Jacob Grosh, taught a few years in the Bell School. Of the teachers born in Marietta he was the most brilliant.

William Carter, studying law in York, came to Marietta in 1827 and taught school for several years.

Rev. Abel Charles Thomas taught school in a log building east of the Cross Keys Tavern in 1828.

Rev. Thomas Boggs, the second pastor of the Presbyterian Church, taught in Marietta and prepared a class of boys for college.

Rev. Timothy Simpson, a graduate of Montpelier College, came to Marietta in 1831 and took charge of the school above the Market House. The school was later moved to a two-story frame building built by James Wilson. Rev. Simpson commenced to teach higher education and was the first teacher in Marietta to introduce into the school at the close of each session an "exhibition." This was known as the Simpson Academy.

Susquehanna Institute was started in a larger three-story brick building in the eastern end of town. This school started with a good corps of teachers and was successful for a time. Judge John J. Libhart, James Mehaffey and A. N. Cassel attended the Institute in 1840.

The most famous of these early schools was the Marietta Academy started in St. John's House by George Washington Baker. Succeeding Baker, James P. Wickersham, from Chester County, purchased the large brick building at the southwest corner of



Old Lincoln School (West End of Marietta).



Marietta High School before addition to front of building in the 1930's.



Students coming out of Marietta High School.

Center Square and erected a two-story brick academy building in the southwest angle of the square.

Many of the scholars of the Marietta Academy came from a distance to attend.



Marietta High School Picnic about 1911. Back row: Raymond Killian, Marian Baker, Wright Atkins, Miriam Cassel, Charles Paules, Margaret Muller, Frank McCloskey, Tom Thompson, Ethelbert Johnson, Amos Bowman, John Childs, Miss Anna Miller, Byron Fryberger, Ruth Fillingsworth, Charles Krause; Middle row: Marguerite Stauffer (Kelly), Margaret Haas (Denlinger), Josephine Musser, (Paxton), Addie Stauffer; Front row: Elizabeth Johnson, Anna Rich (Risser), Lillian Hipple (Carter).



Marietta High School Basketball Team, 1911. Back row: Wright Atkins, Ellsworth McMullen; Middle row: David McMullen, Byron Fryberger, Raymond Killian, Frank McCloskey; Front row: Francis Post.

Mr. Wickersham left the school in 1854 to become the first Superintendent of Public Instruction in Lancaster County. He was President of Millersville Normal School and later served in the State Educational Department.

In 1854 after Wickersham left, the citi-



Class of 1911. l. to r. Frank H. McCloskey, Byron Fryberger, Marguerite Stauffer (Kelly), Miss Anna Miller (Teacher), S. Wright Atkins, Charles Paules.

zens built an addition to the rear of the old Bell School and called J. R. Syjoher to teach. He left to become a lawyer.

In 1863 Professor Isaac S. Giest, who had been Professor of Natural Sciences at Millersville Normal School, began his teaching career in Marietta. Under his guidance Marietta became the first accredited high school in Lancaster County outside the City of Lancaster.

In 1933 an addition was built on the front of the high school.

Marietta High School continued as such until 1954. Incorporating with Mount Joy, Maytown and East Donegal Township, and part of Mount Joy Township, Marietta was included in Donegal Joint High School. Presently Marietta is in the Donegal Union School District. The high school building is now the Marietta Elementary School and contains grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.



Men using antique hand pumper.



Hand pumper for 2 men.



Bell, dated 1786, used in Marietta to sound alarm for fire and to serenade newly-weds.



Present day fire equipment and Community Ambulance.

Through the years . . .

Pioneer Fire Company

It is said that a very disastrous fire, consuming nearly a block of frame houses along Front Street in Marietta, about the year 1838, started the movement to organize a fire company for the community. In the early spring of 1840 a group of citizens met in the interest of fire prevention and fire fighting. They applied for a state act of incorporation under "The Pioneer Fire Company of Marietta." The first incorporate meeting was held in January, 1841. John J. Libhart was elected the first president.

A new hand pumper for two men was bought and housed on April 24, 1841. The next piece of equipment, a used suction type pump, was bought June 16, 1869. Other pieces of equipment included a Silsby rotary steam engine in 1872; a hook and ladder, also in 1872; a chemical truck in 1920; and a rotary pump motorized by members of the company in 1927 and used until December, 1959. In 1946 we received a two stage centrifugal 750 GPM American LaFrance pumper. Late in the fall of 1959 an order was placed with the Howe Company of Anderson, Indiana, for

a new Howe pumper mounted on an International chassis, the pump 750 GPM, also a 500 gal. booster tank. The company received this truck June 4, 1960.

PIONEER FIRE CO. #1

Marietta, Pa.

Officers for 1962

President Chester Loucks
1st Vice-President Harry Zink, Jr.
2nd Vice-President Kenneth Geesey
Secretary Jacob Shellenberger
Assistant Secretary William Whare
Treasurer Kenneth Geesey
Fire Chief Clarence Smuck
1st Assistant Chief Walter Beaston
2nd Assistant Chief William Breckline
Chief Hose Director William Bailey
Trustees (3) William Wallick
 Russel Flowers
 Edgar Shopf

Fire Police

Captain Edwin Rutherford, Jr.
Fire Police Lieutenant Theodore Laser

The Marietta Trolley

by John D. Denney, Jr.

The towns of Marietta and Columbia are only four miles apart, but for many years the only method of travel between the two communities was by horse and wagon over the toll road or by the infrequent train service of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

It was for this reason and because the local Columbia trolley line had been a success that interest was aroused in the construction of a trolley line to Marietta. Consequently, on January 4, 1893, a company known as the Columbia & Donegal Electric Railway was chartered to build a trolley line from Columbia to Marietta by way of Klinesville and Chickies Park.

Construction was started on May 8, 1893 at Second and Cedar Streets in Columbia, the then terminus of the local Columbia trolley line. The Marietta line was laid out by E. N. Smith, chief engineer. Blake Mapledorum was in charge of track construction and Frank S. Drake of the Westinghouse Electric Company was in charge of the overhead work. John Cremer was in charge of the erection of the poles along the line. William Given of Columbia was president of the new trolley line and his brother Frank Given, held the post of superintendent.

The building of a trolley line to Marietta was considered quite a pioneer project

by the traction industry as in those early years there had been few attempts to construct trolley lines over the type of hilly terrain that exists between Marietta and Columbia.

The steepest grade on the line was 6.2 feet in one hundred and this continued for 1900 feet. The grading, laying of rails and construction of the overhead wires continued during the months of May and June of 1893. It was also necessary to construct a trestle over the Chickies Creek on the north side of Chickies Hill.

The first cars for the Marietta line were ordered from the J. G. Brill Car Company. Two were of the closed type and two were of the open bench or "summer" type. They were painted bright blue with yellow trim and were of wooden construction equipped with hand brakes. The new cars arrived in Columbia in June of 1893 and were tested first on the Columbia belt line.

July 1, 1893 was quite an occasion as it was on that day that the first trip was made by trolley from Columbia to Chickies Park. Hundreds of persons lined the right of way to see the first car pass. A banquet was held that day at Chickies



Marietta Trolley Trestle



Columbia & Donegal Street Railway. First Trolley to Chickies Park.

Park for trolley officials and invited guests.

Following the opening to Chickies, construction was pushed forward on completing the line to Marietta. Workmen started on September 16, 1893 to clear trees and to dig out a right of way down the north side of Chickies towards Marietta. The construction of the trestle over Chickies Creek began in the early part of November 1893 and was the main obstacle to the early completion of the line. Track laying commenced in Marietta on November 20, 1893, but it was not until December 30th that the two sections of the line were connected with the completion of the Chickies Trestle which was 950 feet in length and 32 feet in height.



*Columbia & Donegal Electric Railway Car No. 1.
Scene during January, 1894 on North Side of
Chickies Hill about ½ mile beyond Park.*

The first car to run from Columbia to Marietta was Columbia & Donegal car number one with Frank Given at the controller. The first car left the Columbia car barn at 10:15 p.m., on December 31, 1893 and arrived in Marietta at 12:10 a.m., on January 1, 1894. Few lines can lay claim to being opened at midnight New Year's Eve.

The Marietta trolley cars commenced

their run in Columbia at the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station at Front and Walnut Street. The cars operated up Walnut and then out North Second Street, where the cars went on to private right of way. Then came the steep climb up the hill to Klinesville. There was a passing siding on the farm of D. R. King at the top of the hill. The line then continued on to what is now Jones' Hollow, which was then known as Glen Given, in honor of the manager of the line. There the steep ascent to Chickies started with a steady climb all the way to Chickies Park. Then, followed the steep down grade to the Chickies Creek, which included a horse shoe curve. Before going on to the trestle, the cars crossed the Lancaster, Marietta and Hanover Branch of the Reading Railroad. The cars then continued on level ground swinging onto the Marietta Pike at a point below Marietta known to trolley men as the "Red Barn." The cars ran up Market Street in Marietta to the square, where they terminated.

The Columbia and Donegal on Feb. 5, 1894 became part of the Pennsylvania Traction which consolidated all the trolley lines operating in Lancaster County at that time. The Sunday evening of August 9, 1896 will be long remembered by citizens of Marietta and Columbia because it was



Trolley going to Marietta in 1894.



Wreck on Marietta Line at Laurel Hill Cemetery, entrance above Columbia on August 9, 1896 at 10:20 P.M. Six persons were killed and sixty-eight were injured.

on that night that the tragic trolley accident at the foot of Klinesville hill occurred in which six persons were killed and sixty eight were injured. The overloaded car was bringing people back from a concert at Chickies Park and got out of control coming down from Klinesville to Columbia, jumping the rails at the curve at the toll gate opposite the entrance to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The Pennsylvania Traction which operated the Marietta line was acquired by the newly organized Conestoga Traction Company on Dec. 12, 1899. With the advent of the Conestoga Traction additional trolley lines were built throughout the county and a major trolley net work was developed. Soon the old, light, cars were replaced by heavier and speedier types and hand brakes gave way to air brakes and other safety appliances. Various types of cars were operated such as open summer cars, the closed suburban or interurban cars and also combination passenger and baggage cars as well as trolley freight cars. Trolley freight service commenced to Marietta in 1905.

The only serious accident on the Marietta lines was the disaster on Klinesville hill, but once a Marietta bound car jumped the track on Chickies Hill, and also one of the freight cars was derailed. Once a trolley was hit by a bolt of lightning in the middle of the long Chickies trestle during a severe thunder storm. No one was injured but the car had to remain in that perilous position until a car arrived from Columbia to push the disabled car off the trestle.

The trolley station in Marietta for many years was at the Libhart Drug Store. Here tickets were obtained for trolley trips to all parts of Lancaster County and here also freight could be shipped and received by "Trolley Freight." Still remembered by many are the picnics by trolley to Chickies, Rocky Springs and Maple Grove Park.

However, another type of transportation came into the scene—the private automobile. With the coming of good roads, the automobiles and later the busses cut heavily into the revenues of the trolley companies. Faster schedules were operated and fares cut to the bone to offset this competition.

In an effort to modernize its service, the Conestoga Traction placed in service



Conestoga Traction Company. #68 at Chickies Park. Marietta Line, 1932.

on the Columbia and Marietta line in 1924, five new, light-weight, steel, interurban cars built by the Cincinnati Car Company. These cars were equipped with plush seats and were modern in every respect. These cars remained in service until the Marietta line was discontinued and then they were transferred to use on other suburban lines radiating from Lancaster.

The Conestoga Traction Company was reorganized as the Conestoga Transportation Company in the early thirties and because of a drop in trolley patronage began the gradual discontinuance of the many trolley lines in Lancaster County, replacing them with busses.

Marietta saw the last of the trolley car at 11:15 p.m., on April 25, 1932, when the last Columbia bound trolley loaded at the waiting room at the Libhart Drug Store, ending almost forty years of trolley service. Trolley service was later replaced by motor bus service between Marietta and Columbia, but this too succumbed to the competition of the private automobile.

To-day, thirty years since trolleys ran from Marietta to Columbia, the old right of way and the abandoned piers of the Chickies trestle still bring back memories to many of the "trolley days," in Marietta.

John Jay Libhart

A Varied Career
by
Lamar L. Libhart

Much of the following is taken from an article read before the Lancaster County Historical Society at the October, 1912 meeting, various obituary columns, and information given the author by Miss Mary Stibgen.

The ancestors of John Jay Libhart emigrated to America about the year 1728 and settled in York County, then on the frontier of Pennsylvania civilization, in or near the village of Hellam. In 1812, John Jay's father, Henry Liebhart, moved to Marietta, Lancaster county, with his family, two daughters and three sons, of whom John Jay was the youngest, born in 1806.

Having built a large brick house on the corner of Second and Gay streets, Henry Liebhart engaged in the mercantile business about 1815, which he continued for a number of years, but was unable to hold out against the panic which swept over the East. John Jay, thus early thrown upon his own resources, soon developed his artistic



Annie, John Libhart's second wife, and two daughters, Kate and Annie. This is one of Libhart's most elegant works. This portrait was painted in 1853—signed and dated. Owned by John H. Libhart. Marred areas on left side are due to reflected light.

and mechanical talents and was able to assist his father by ornamental sign painting, gilding, etc.

His father being in reduced circumstances when John Jay was about 12 years old, the boy had not the advantages of an early education, only attending several sessions at an Academy in York. But, being ambitious to learn, he soon acquired a superior knowledge of various subjects, and by his keen perceptions easily mastered any line of thought he wished to pursue.

Already developing a precocious talent for portraiture, it was told of him that when a mere child he would sketch with pen or pencil and produce some striking likenesses. He was notably self-taught and entirely uninstructed in the art until Arthur Armstrong, then painting portraits, noticing his natural talent, gave him some lessons in perspective and coloring, and encouraged him to direct his efforts to excel in the line of portraiture.

Having now diligently studied his art and had due practice, he already obtained some patronage locally. Upon the advice of friends he proceeded to Harrisburg, where the Legislature was in session, and obtained sittings from the Governor and many members of the Legislature. Among the number, he painted a portrait of Governor Joseph Hiester (1820-26) of Pennsylvania. He also painted portraits at home and at Lebanon about this time. In 1826, a portrait of Libhart was painted by Armstrong, which is now owned by John H. Libhart.

His talents were not confined to painting. He also took great interest in all branches of Natural History. Libhart was an intimate friend of Prof. Samuel S. Haldeman, assisting him in many scientific researches, while drawing and painting natural history subjects for illustrating scientific publications of Prof. Haldeman, who was his contemporary and lifelong friend. Much of the available space in

Libhart's home was devoted to specimens of birds, minerals, fossils, shells, reptiles, etc., which he personally collected and prepared. In 1840 he transferred his collection to the second floor of the Marietta market house, standing on the square, which became known as the Libhart Museum. When the market house was demolished in 1860, after having burned, the collections were scattered, some specimens finding their way to the Linnaean Society of Lancaster County, which numbered Libhart among its active members. He also had a collection of unstuffed bird skins, including the now extinct passenger pigeon. The bulk of the collection, however, consisted of Oriental and South American species, sent to Libhart by Dr. Joseph Cooper Rinehart, employed as Surgeon, Chaplain, and Naturalist on board the United States man of war, "Constitution," on a three year cruise around the world between 1844-47. This collection was presented to the Franklin and Marshall College Museum in 1924 due to the efforts of the late Dr. Herbert H. Beck.

During the days of shin plasters and paper money in the panic of 1837, Libhart acquired the art of engraving on wood, copper and steel, and did quite an extensive business in making plates for banks and individuals who wished to issue their own bills, printing the notes upon a press which he built himself. Besides this work, he executed orders for various wood and metal plates, billheads, etc., and cut many steel punches and dies of various kinds. In this latter work he improved upon his predecessors by cutting the letters deeper, thus exhibiting a bolder and more permanent impression in the wood or metal upon which they were used. He engraved a note for Gen. Simon Cameron's bank in Middletown, the design being an eagle grasping a shield. The Marietta Pilot, later the Pioneer, 1826, had on the first page, as a vignette, the cut of a steamboat, drawn and engraved by Libhart.

He taught a class in drawing and sketching in the academy of Prof. James P. Wickersham at Marietta in or about the year the Professor was elected the first Superintendent of Public Schools in Lancaster County.

His tastes were manifold, and, after his many efforts in art study, in middle age he was drawn to the cultivation of fruit; when his trees bore fine specimens of pears, apples, peaches, etc. his artistic tastes again manifested themselves, and he drew and painted many exquisite pictures of them.

He did not turn his attention seriously to sculpture, but at one time performed some modeling in clay and wax and produced figures that attracted some attention.

About 1848 he was persuaded to construct some artificial limbs, as none were being made in the United States at this time. He noticed that the action of the French leg, which was the best then in use, was very unnatural at the knee-joint. By closely studying the action of the natural knee, he finally succeeded in making one which had a natural motion, enabling the wearer to walk with an elastic, instead of a jerky or halting step. The secret of the improved limb was in the peculiar construction of the hinge jointing at the knee, the mechanism of which corresponded to the natural as nearly as possible. With this improved hinge-joint he made several legs for persons, one man coming here and remaining three months until it was finished, as Libhart would work on the limb only in his spare moments.

As one of the first cultivators of the silk worm in this country, and interested in the production of raw silk, he invented and perfected reels and other machinery to expedite the reeling of the minute threads from cocoons and spinning them at once into the shape required for the looms. Also in his mechanical moods he constructed several guns and a sensitive

scale to weigh minute parts, making the most of his own tools and working without patterns or templets.

As these various departures from the art he at first pursued, no doubt detracted from his success as a portrait painter, his talent enabled him to resume his brush and palette and produce as good work as before. Indeed up to the time his health failed, and particularly his sight, he painted some pictures of natural objects, as well as portraits, which were very creditable to his reputation.

Upon the death of Dr. Jacob Glatz, postmaster of Marietta, J. J. Libhart succeeded him in his office, which he held for two years. Libhart was much in public life and found time to fill, in turn, nearly every municipal office in Marietta, including those of Burgess, Councilman and School Director, for a term of sixteen years. He was also an early and active member of the free school system of Lancaster County.

Also after the death of Dr. Glatz, Libhart purchased the Glatz Drug Store. He continued in this business until his death, after which his drug store was continued for some time by his sons, Anthony Canova and Haldeman. Upon the death of Haldeman Libhart, his widow married Charles Fendrick. The store was then run under the name of the Libhart Drug Company by Mr. and Mrs. Fendrick until it was closed.

In 1867 Mr. Libhart was appointed an Associate Judge for the courts of Lancaster County to fill the unexpired term of Judge Martin. He was twice elected to the position, holding the Judgeship eleven years. He retired in December, 1878, the office being abolished by the provisions of the Constitution of 1874. He was highly complimented by the Bar Association and the press on his retirement from the bench, and eulogized for his uprightness and the signal ability he displayed in performing the duties of the position.

Judge Libhart was twice married. The





Aerial Photograph of Marietta by Marshall Dussinger

first time in 1836 to Miss Harriet Goodman, to whom he had one child, Pauline. His first wife died in 1838, and in 1842 he was married to Miss Annie Rinehart, daughter of Isaac Rinehart. They were blessed with five children: Canova, S. Haldeman, Catherine, Annie and John. His second wife died in 1852, since which time until his death in 1883, he was a widower.

So, following him through life, we find his distinctive trait is ever a love of art, even when he was engaged in other occupations of life. Though we cannot but admire the versatility of his genius, it is to be regretted that he did not confine himself more specially to the art he at first embraced.

APPENDIX

Partial list of paintings, portraits, sketches and natural history subjects by John Jay Libhart. Unfortunately, the location of many is unknown.

"Defeat and Death of General Braddock." Largest of his works. Figures life size, including Washington on horseback and officers on ground surrounding the mortally wounded General.

"Death of Holofernes." Judith has decapitated him, and the maid holds the sack for the reception of the bloody head.

"Napoleon Crossing the Alps." First



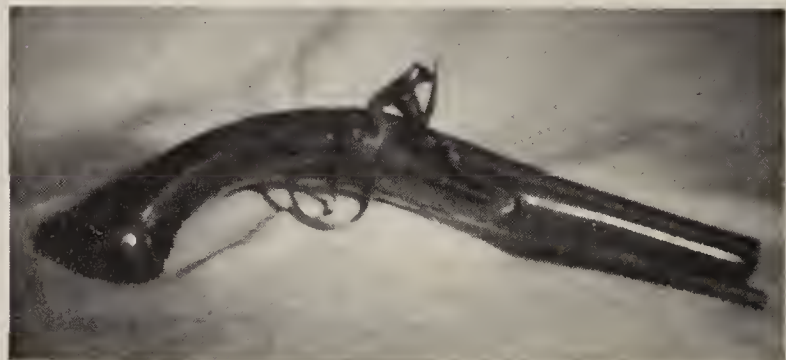
Pintail Ducks. Detail.



Pintail Ducks. Showing both sexes in young and adult plumage. Painted on metal. Owned by John H. Libhart.



One of a series of Natural History subjects used by Prof. S. S. Haldeman in his scientific publications.



Flintlock pistol belonging to General Braddock of the French and Indian War. J. J. Libhart's grandfather, Henry Libhart, was present at the General's death in 1755 and was given the pistol. The relic is now owned by J. J. Libhart's grandson, John H. Libhart.

campaign in Italy. Owned by Lewis R. Libhart.

"Immolation of a Greek Lady by Turkish Soldier." From Greek War of Independence.

"Moor Carrying Off a Christian Lady Prisoner." Moor on horseback with lady on saddlebow.

Susquehanna River scene. Owned by John H. Libhart.

Children feeding swans.

Two young spaniels at play.

Group of Pintail ducks. Owned by John H. Libhart. Illustrated. (A smaller version is owned by Myles L. Libhart).

Wall-eyed pike, Susquehanna salmon.

Lion attacking horse. White stallion with lion upon its back. Owned by Lewis R. Libhart.

Group of Ruffed grouse. Owned by Myles L. Libhart. Illustrated.

Mallard ducks along the Susquehanna River. Owned by John H. Libhart.

Lion and alligator in landscape. Owned by John H. Libhart.

Portrait of Simon S. Rathvon, noted Entomologist.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Halde-
man. Owned by Henry M. Libhart.

Portrait of Susan Rinehart Pugh, sister of Libhart's second wife. Owned by Myles L. Libhart.

Portrait of his second wife, Annie L. Rinehart, with daughters Kate and Annie. Owned by John H. Libhart. Illustrated.

Portrait of his first wife, Harriet Goodman.

Portraits of Melchoir Brenneman, Joseph Cooper Rinehart, M.D.; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brenneman.

Portrait of Governor Hiester.

A miniature of himself.

Oldest Past Residents

In the history of Marietta Borough, incorporated 150 years ago, only two of its native citizens reached the century mark.

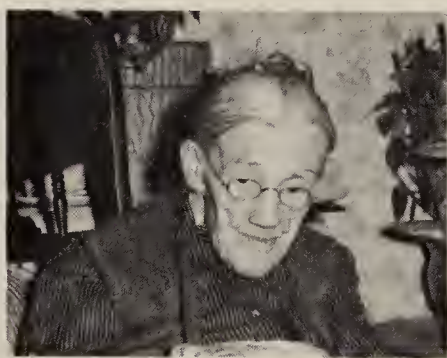
Mrs. Annie Caracher, who resided on Walnut Street, reached the age of 100 years and 10 months. Miss Ella Caracher, a daughter, resides at the same address. Mrs. Caracher died Feb. 24, 1948.

Barr Spangler, merchant and banker, reached the age of 100 years and 3 months. He resided on Fairview Street, and passed away September 17, 1922.

George Paules, who lived in West Marietta, was the last veteran in Lancaster

county to answer the "last roll call." He was 99 years old, and died Jan. 23, 1943.

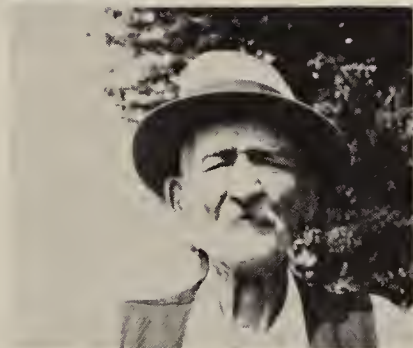
These photographs were furnished by Edgar R. Villee, the last of the business men in Marietta since the 100th anniversary of the borough.



Mrs. Annie Caracher.



Mr. Barr Spangler



Mr. George Paules

Emmanuel Dyer Roath



Colonel Emmanuel Dyer Roath was born in 1820, and Died Sept. 14, 1907. For fifty-four years he was a Justice of the Peace, an Odd Fellow 63 years, a member of Ashara Lodge, 398, Free and Accepted Masons, and a past master in 1868. He was one of the first vestrymen of St. John's Episcopal church when the church was built. A graduate of Shippensburg Academy, he taught school in Marietta and was one of the original members of the Lancaster County Teacher Institute. He organized a company which drilled near Evans' run and saw service in the Civil War, from 1861 to 1865. He was attached to Company E, 107th Regiment, and taken prisoner at Gettysburg, where his horse was shot from under him, escaping injury. He served two terms in the State Legislature in 1857 and 1867. Discharged March 5, 1865, he was later breveted a Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel "for meritorious services." During his tenure as a justice he wrote over 2100 deeds and mortgages, and never had a civil case reversed by the courts.

Marietta in 1879

Interesting items gleaned from the files of "THE MARIETTA TIMES"

By the courtesy of the Editor

Submitted by Lawrence F. Smith, Neffsville, Pa., Member of the Lancaster County Historical Society.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: On New Year's Day, January 1, 1879, Colonel James Duffy distributed a large quantity of meat to the poor of Marietta from the stalls of John Shillow. In the market house about 94 families received a liberal

supply and went away rejoicing. Col. Duffy sets a noble example which might well be followed by wealthy people in all parts of the country.

SOCIETIES LISTED IN MARCH 1879:

Donegal Lodge #129 IOOF meets every Tuesday evening in Central Hall Building. (Opposite the Cross-Keys Hotel.)

Daughters of Rebekah meets the fourth Thursday every month.

Waterford Council #72 OUAM meets in their new hall (third story of Miller & Company Hardware Store.)

Ashara Lodge #398 F & AM meets on Monday (on or before full moon) in the Old Fellows Hall.

Knights of Pythias #108 meets every Saturday evening at Temperance Hall.

Susquehanna Council #89 Jr. OUAM meets at Miller's Hardware Store, third story.

Gustav Adolphe Bund #16 V.O.V.B. Germans meets every Monday evening in St. John's Building.

Pioneer Fire Company, fourth Friday each month at 7:30 P. M. in their rooms in Central Hall Building.

Cassiopeia Lodge #1705 GUO of OF, every Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows Building, Fairview Street.

ADS IN 1879:

S. F. Frey—Undertaking, #49 Market St., opposite Presbyterian Church.

Sterrett & Spangler, 22-24 Market St.,
"Self feeding parlor stoves" and
cook stoves (newest styles)
We make stove pipe.

JUST RECEIVED: 12 cases Hip boots,
\$1.70 pair Children's shoes, 40 to 95¢
My Motto is: ONE PRICE FOR ALL
Robert Turner

The Marietta Literary Society met January 3, 1879 in Town Hall. Question for debate: "Is intellectual culture promotive of morality?" Affirmative: Rev. J. M. Wheeler—John Z. Lindemuth and Burd Cassell. Negative: A. N. Cassell, W. W. Griest and Rev. J. McElmyle.

The Donegal Literary Society met January 11, 1879 at Donegal Springs. Programme rendered with grand success.

NEW MILLIERY STORE OPENED:

Katie S. Koch, #35 Market St., just received from Philadelphia silk & velvet plushes, ostrich tips, etc. The largest assortment of fancy goods ever brought to town. Ladies hats 25¢.

Mr. Christian Hauer, "Mine host" of the Cross-Keys Hotel, killed two hogs on Wednesday which dressed 400 pounds apiece.

A large lot of second hand watches for sale at almost your own price. S. R. Stibgen (Opposite Western Union Telegraph Office.)

Pure black pepper, ground by ourselves, patent smoke, and coriander seed for sale. A. D. Wike, Apothecary (Just received ague pills.)

FOR SALE: March 11, 1879, farm, stock & implements, on farm of J. Donald Cameron. (One mile east of Maytown.)

FOR SALE: Horse, cow, 3 carriages, near Stackstown. Jeremiah Engle.

SPECIAL—1879 Harper's Weekly, Illustrated. \$4.00 per year. See G. G. Cameron, Editor, Marietta Times.

J. D. Roath—Justice of the Peace & Conveyancer. Central Hall Building.

George W. Reich, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon. Office, 53 Market Street, opposite Libhart's Drug Store. Consultations in German and English.

COAL: A. Summy, Office and Yard, Front Street. (Between canal and railroad.) Delivered for 40¢ per ton.

STEAMBOAT HOTEL: Corner Gay & Front Streets. Samuel G. Miller, Proprietor. Excellent stabling.

CABINET MAKER & UNDERTAKER: Jacob Libhart, Jr. We use Shaw & Company cooling boards. 68-70 Market Street.

DRY GOODS, notions and queensware. Center Square. Lindemuth & Brother.

HAUER HOUSE: Corner Elbow Lane and Front Street. Permanent and transient boarders. Wm. Bowers, Prop.

CHURCHES IN MARIETTA 1879:

Methodist. J. M. Wheeler, Pastor. Morning service 10:15 A.M.

Evening service 7:45 P.M. Sunday School 1:00 P.M.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church. Rev. Alonzo P. Diller.

Morning service 10:30 A.M., Evening 7:30 P.M., Sunday School 1:00 P.M.

Presbyterian Church. Morning service 10:00 A.M., Evening 7:30 P.M.

Sunday School 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday evening—Lectures and Bible Class.

Catholic. Mass 8:00 A. M.

Zion Lutheran & Reformed. Morning 10:00 A.M., Evening 7:30 P.M.

Sunday School 1:00 P.M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday.

Donegal Church. Morning, first Sabbath of every month at 10:00 A.M. Rev. William Browne, Pastor.

Diphtheria kills five in one family at Mt. Joy. The John Barnes family.

Donegal Mills, near Marietta: F. U. Gantz, flour and feed delivered promptly.

Marietta Today

Today, Marietta stands nearly as it did yesterday. The old landmarks remain but they now serve new functions. The old roads and alleys lead to the same places except now they are paved. Even the spirit of old families and town characters come alive as youngsters listen to handed-down stories about the "good ole' days." And amid the prominence of things past, the town has moved forward such that today its citizens are equally as proud of their own accomplishments as those of their founders.

Social changes and trends of modernization have changed the pattern of livelihood for Marietta's residents over the past 150 years. The large lumber businesses which once flourished in Marietta are no longer to be seen, taking with them the annual spring log drives on the Susquehanna River. Gone also are Marietta's Ironmasters who controlled what was once one of Marietta's largest industries. Although the Ironmasters are gone, a reminder of that era can be seen in their surviving mansions, several of which are now occupied by their descendants.

Although these industries and smaller businesses have left Marietta during the

past century and a half, many new ones have arrived and are operating today, employing many Mariettians. These include a shoe factory, several foundries, a garment company, and the Marietta Transportation Depot. Also serving our community are such businesses as Appley's Glass Gardens, Albano's Pharmacy, Bernie's T.V. Sales and Service, Longenecker's Hardware, Spangler's Appliance Store, The Marietta Times, several garages, gas stations, grocery stores and others businesses. The Donegal Insurance Company, operating for more than several decades, has recently moved to larger and more efficient facilities housed in a handsome new building, fronting on the newly located route 441.

Gilliland Laboratories was operating for some 25 years in Marietta, engaged in the manufacture of vaccines. Over the years the towns-people referred to the Laboratories as the Vaccine Farm, as it is still often called. In 1943 Gilliland Laboratories became a division of American Home Products Corporation and in 1944 Wyeth Laboratories Incorporated, which is now widely known for the manufacture of polio vaccine. Serving Mar-

ietta as one of the town's largest sources of employment, Wyeth Laboratories presently employs some 370 persons.

Civic responsibility and participation is eminent. Many worthwhile contributions and services are made to our community by the Marietta Lions Club and our fire and police departments. Clean-up campaigns, Halloween parades, Fourth of July celebrations and others are among the annual activities of the Marietta Jay-Cee's. The Recreation Association works to contribute to the support of the summer playground program. This organization is widely recognized for its annual "Children's Fair." In the spring of 1961, this group organized a new project, called "A Day in Marietta Homes," when many of the old and new homes of the town were open to the public for viewing.

Respecting the spirit of American living, one must admit our little town is a charming place to live. Its charm lies in the fact that Marietta is "American" and its history bespeaks our American heritage.



Edgar Roath Villev, 31 West Market Street, Printing Since 1897. The only business man in Marietta surviving since the centennial celebration in 1912. Learned the trade when the last Isaac S. Geist was editor of the Marietta Times. In December, 1911, following the death of the late John H. Schultz, he assumed charge and has "been on the job" ever since. Motto: "Prompt and efficient service."

Children's Fair

The Children's Fair is a one day frolic for the children of the community, held during the month of June, in which every effort is made to give the children "their day" to mark the opening of the summer vacation period. The idea for the Fair was first conceived by Mrs. J. H. Brown during the winter of 1946 and culminated in the first Fair being held June 21, 1947, from which date it has become an annual affair.

At a meeting of the War Memorial Association, Wednesday, May 7, 1947, the idea was first presented to that Association, with a permanent Children's Fair Committee being appointed. Mrs. J. H. Brown was elected permanent chairman (and served 10 years) of the sponsoring group with the Rev. Russell R. Hoeltzel

and Robert F. Vanderslice as assistants. It was agreed at this meeting that money accrued from the affair would be used to pay playground supervisors. The organization of the Children's Fair Committee was designed to have representation from every organization in the community so that it would be truly a town project. As a result many, many individuals did originally and still do participate in the project. At the first meeting of the group, the following committee chairmen were appointed:

Publicity (poster)—Myles Libhart
Publicity (news)—Mrs. Bernice Hiestand
Prizes—Mrs. Robert F. Vanderslice
Refreshments—Mrs. Margaret Denlinger
Food—Mrs. Henry Lawrence

Novelty Table—Mrs. Eden Hood
Games—Albert Dettinger
Pet Parade—Joe Rath
Doll Parade—Miss Genevieve Douglas
Fish Pond—Mrs. Edwin E. Rutherford
Hobbies—Loy Whitekettle
Jeep Ride—Robert F. Vanderslice
Toy Table—Mrs. William Young
Pony Ride—Bernard McDevitt
Book Mart—Mrs. Thomas L. Rich
Balloons—Mrs. Edward Kottcamp
Entertainment—Mrs. B. Scott Fritz
Finance—George R. Miller

Features of the first Fair were the Doll and Baby Parade, Pet Parade, Hobby Show and as entertainment, a Puppet Show.

In the Fairs of succeeding years each was marked by a theme. In 1948, the theme was "Mother Goose" with a Tom Thumb wedding for entertainment.

In 1949, the Feature of the Fair was the

then famous radio program "Breakfast in Hollywood". The fourth Fair had for its theme in 1950, "Storybook Characters" and the main entertainment was a babies bathing beauty contest. "Cowboys and Indians" was the theme of the 1951 Fair and along these lines, the Fair has continued for 15 years, with Mrs. Paul E. Portner serving as general Chairman for the latter five years.

For general interest and historical reasons, the names of all who have participated in making each Childrens' Fair a success would be desirable as part of a permanent record. However, since literally hundreds of individuals have helped, such a listing would be impossible in this book. It has been this "whole town" effort that has augured well to keep the Childrens' Fair as a permanent annual Marietta function.

In Memory

Mr. Val Becker
The Rev. Father & Mrs. Charles E.
Berghaus
Miss Annie Bink
Mrs. Georgeanna Blottenberger
William Donald Bowers
Agnes & Joseph Carroll
Mr. William Vernon Decker
Mr. Herman F. Eater
Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Grady
Mr. & Mrs. John Grady
Mr. Gerald Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jones
Mr. & Mrs. William Kibler
Mr. & Mrs. A. Conova Libhart
The Hon. John J. Libhart
Mrs. Elsie Decker McCloskey
Mr. & Mrs. John McElroy
Mr. Charles "Bob" McKain

Mr. Frank McKain, Jr.
Mr. Landis Myers
Mr. & Mrs. David L. Paules
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer E. Paules
Mr. & Mrs. Luther Paules
Misses Sara & Ada Paules
Bill Penwell
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Portner
Mrs. Harvey Portner
Miss Mary Portner
Mr. Herbert "John" Range
Mrs. Minnie M. Reuter
Miss Emilie T. Schaffner
Mrs. Elsie Schroyer
John G. "Jack" Sharp
Mrs. Pauline Sharp
Mrs. Josephine Smith
Joseph A. & Sophia Zieglemeyer Zink
George "Hotty" Zink



Wild Cat Falls Hotel.



Marietta Drum and Bugle Corps.



Public Square during Old Home Week of 1912.



Festival during 1912 Old Home Week Celebration on second floor above the Fire Company.

Marietta from the



Marietta Post Office in 1912.



Market Street looking west in 1907.



Erisman's Bridge across the canal.

1800's to 1912



First National Bank.



Hotel Marietta.



Exchange Bank.



Canal and Mansion at Chickies.



Bridge across Chickies Creek at Chickies.



Canal and revolving bridge at Chickies.



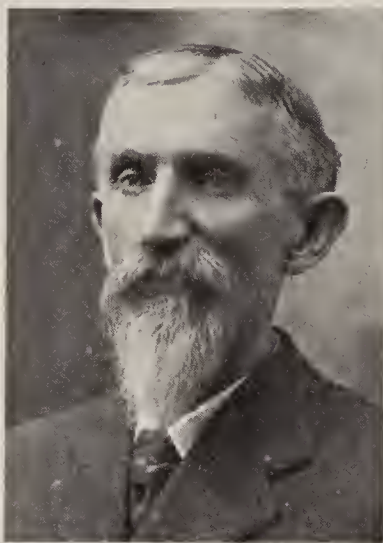
Arch built for Old Home Week of 1912. On East Market Street in front of Eshelman's house.



*Down the River from Chickies Rock,
Columbia, Pennsylvania.*



*Chiques, Marietta. Home of Prof. Haldeman
and of Wm. Paris Haldeman.*



*John Kugle, Chief-Burgess of Marietta during
1912 Centennial. A life long resident of
Marietta. He raised a family of eleven.*



Market Street looking east.



Donegal and Conoy Fire Insurance Co. 1912.



McElroy's Home decorated for Old Home Week of 1912.



Home located on property of what is now the Exchange Bank Apartments or the Cross Keys Hotel.



Wike's Pharmacy in 1912.



Decorating Committee for Old Home Week of 1912. Standing rear: Milton McElroy, Tom Decker, John Deppeller, Howard Hanlen, Hotty Zink, J. Barr Spangler; Seated: George Shultz, Samuel Frey, Vernon Peck, Herman Brandt, David Brandt, David McMillen.



Grand Army Parade during Old Home Week of 1912.

Marietta from



Wildcat Boat on the Susquehanna River.



Old Pumping Station. Used to pump water into the mains.



The Steamboat Accomac.



Funeral cortege of Marietta's first World War, being buried with Military Honors from the Marietta Community House.



View of Center Square looking East.



Exchange National Bank Building.



Flood of 1936. View from East Market Street looking South.

1913 to Present



Old Town Hall with Historic Tower.



Marietta War Memorial Park



Present Marietta Elementary School



Flood of 1936. Looking down Front Street.



Marietta Community House



Marietta Post Office. Erected 1961.



Oldest house in Marietta. Has been dated back to 1736. Residence of Mrs. Mary Kelly.



Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Station.



Flood damage.



Flood of 1936. View from Chestnut Street looking South.



Cherry trees in blossom in square.



View of Marietta from Chickies Rock looking West.

Patrons

Mr. & Mrs. Armand Acri
 Alan Dale Acri
 Mr. Richard Albright
 Miss Martha Alexander
 The Rev. & Mrs. Henry Snyder Alleman
 Miss Gertrude Y. Appley
 Mr. & Mrs. William Bailey
 Mrs. Ed Baker
 Mr. Henry Baker
 Holly & Lolly Baker
 Mr. & Mrs. John Baker
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baker
 Mr. & Mrs. Willis Baker
 Mr. & Mrs. David Barclay
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard J. Barr
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bartch
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Barton
 Mr. & Mrs. Linden Beaston
 Mrs. Val Becker
 Mr. & Mrs. Clayton L. Bell
 Mrs. Charles Benedict
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Berghaus
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Billett
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward S. Billett, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Billett
 Mr. James Bish
 Miriam Bisking
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Boose
 Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Bowers
 Mrs. Nellie Bowers
 Richard Bowers
 Mr. & Mrs. William Bowers
 Miss Ann Boyles
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boyles
 Mrs. John Boyer
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Boyles
 Mr. & Mrs. Willis Boyles
 Willis Boyles, Jr.
 Miss Martha E. Brainerd
 Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Brayman
 Paul F. Brenner
 Dr. & Mrs. J. H. Brown
 Miss Saranna Y. Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Brown, Jr.
 Miss Mig Brown
 Master J. H. Brown, III

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Buchanan
 Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Buckman
 John Michael Buckman
 Rosemarie Buckman
 Leveta Jo Buckman
 Mrs. Earl Buckwalter
 John Bullock
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Byers
 Charles Byers
 David Byers
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Campbell
 Ella Caracker
 Mr. Joseph Carroll
 Mrs. Annie Myers Carroll
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Carroll
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Carroll
 Robert Carroll
 Michael Carroll
 Kathryn Carroll
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Edward Charles
 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Clapsaddle
 Mr. & Mrs. Alvin L. Clark
 Louise Clepper
 Mrs. Jean College
 Mr. & Mrs. William Collier
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cranford
 The Rev. & Mrs. George Curtis
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth DeArmitt
 Miss Miriam Decker
 Mrs. Alice DeCarlton
 Mr. & Mrs. William Delker
 Mr. & Mrs. DeJesus
 Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Demmy
 Mr. & Mrs. Abram Deppeller
 Miss Geraldine Deppeller
 Harold Detz
 Mr. & Mrs. John H. Detz
 Mr. & Mrs. John H. Detz
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Detz
 Mrs. Barbara DiLucia
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael DiLucia
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Doyle
 Miss Margaret Dwyer
 Mr. & Mrs. William T. Eater
 Mr. & Mrs. William Elder

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ellis
 Mr. & Mrs. George Elslager
 Mr. & Mrs. Maurice H. Emenheiser
 Miss Edna Eppley
 Elsie H. Evans
 Mary E. Evans
 Lois Fahringer
 Mrs. Ruth Fahringer
 Miss Annie Fairfax
 Mr. John Fertig
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Flanagan
 The Robert Flanagan Children
 The Fletcher's
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Floyd
 Mr. & Mrs. Allen G. Flowers
 Mrs. Margaret Ford
 Mr. & Mrs. John Fortune
 Jack Frey
 Ruth Frey
 Mr. & Mrs. Homer Frye
 Mr. & Mrs. Marlin L. Frymoyer
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fuhrman
 Mr. William Fuhrman
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Funk
 Mrs. Florence E. Gates
 John Harvey Gates
 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Gentry
 Mr. Samuel Gible
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gilgallon
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Gillespie
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gillham
 Mr. & Mrs. George Goldsborough
 Mr. & Mrs. John Gohn
 Miss Kathleen Goodall
 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Good
 Mr. John C. Goodling, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Gorman
 Mrs. Helen Gorman
 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Gottschall
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gutshall
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Haas, Jr.
 Mr. Harry Haas, Sr.
 Mrs. Sallie Hamilton
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Haas
 Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Haas, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Haines, Jr.
 Beth Alison Haines
 Vanessa Kay Haines

Mrs. Margaret E. Hamilton
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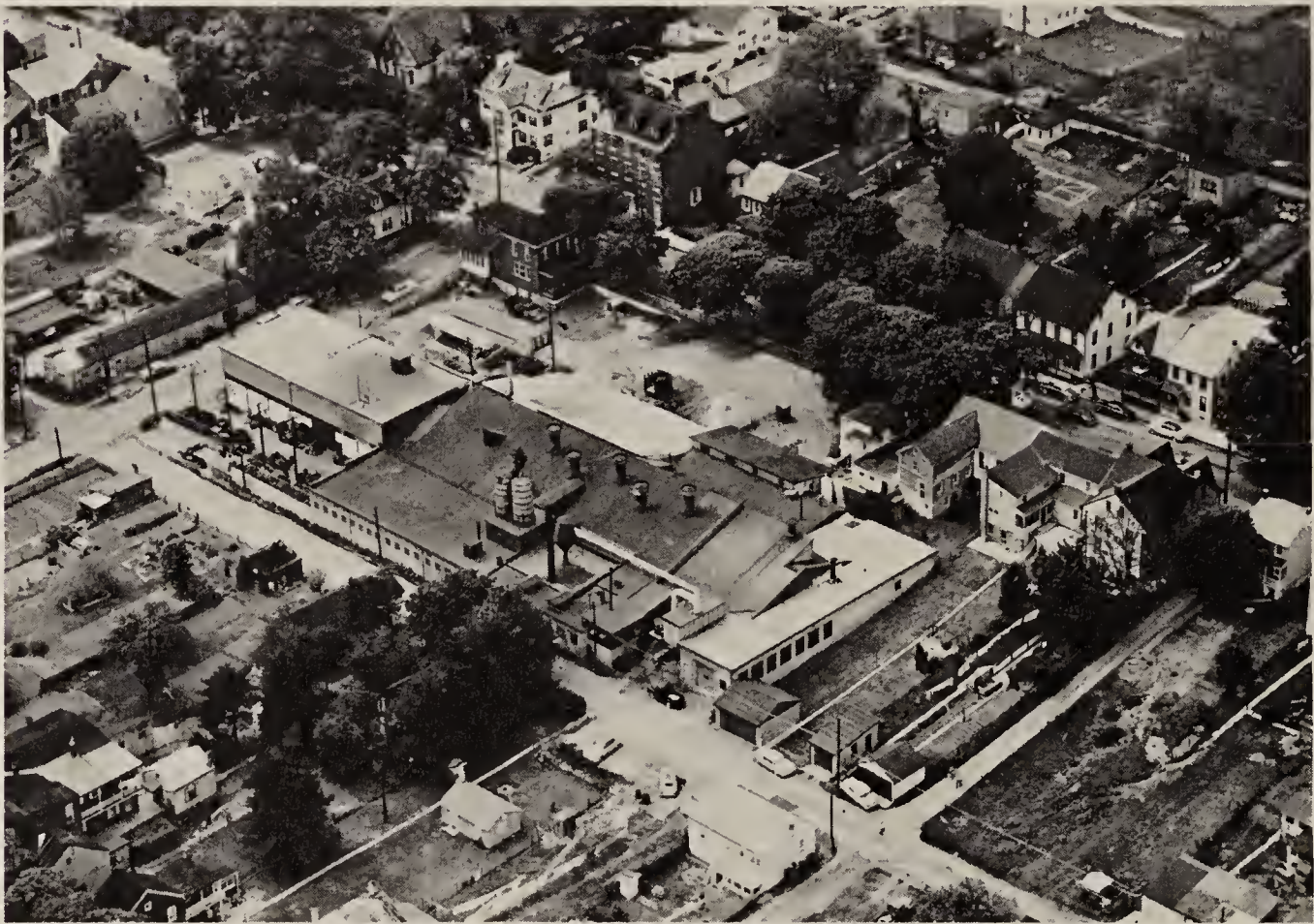
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